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TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

HOLLAND ALERT.

May Still be Dragged In.

December 15, 9.40 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at the Hague, replying to the Budget Report for 1917, the Minister of State said that Holland's munition supply was daily increasing. The Government was still of opinion there was a danger of Holland being dragged into the war; therefore it was unavoidable that sufficient military forces should be at her immediate disposal.

THE ENEMY'S ARMIES.

How they are Distributed.

December 15, 3.05 p.m.

A Paris official message says that on December 1 enemy forces were distributed as follows on the various fronts:—123 Divisions on the Western, 106 on the Russian, 20 on the Rumanian, 12 on the Macedonian, and 33 on the Italian and Albanian fronts.

THE BALKAN STRUGGLE.

Activity on Macedonian Front.

December 15, 3.40 p.m.

A French communiqué says:—There is intermittent artillery firing on the whole of the Macedonian front, especially in the Djiran region.

Our fire dispersed an enemy column north of Monastir.

Allied airmen are most active.

Bulgarian Progress.

December 15, 2.20 p.m.

A Bulgarian communiqué states:—Our advanced detachments have reached the Bokharsi-Petseti Railway.

Russian warships bombarded Balchik.

Russians Check Offensive.

December 15, 4.45 p.m.

A Russian wireless official message states:—Our artillery stopped an attempted advance to the south of Kishinev, and held up an offensive from Grabkovka to both sides of the Tarnopol-Zolotoevo railway.

The Russo-Romanians are falling back to Buzau under pressure. In consequence of this retirement, the troops occupying the river Jelomitz are retiring.

Germans Capture Buzau.

December 15, 6.10 p.m.

A German official announcement states:—We have captured Buzau.

ALLIED DETERMINATION.

December 15, 5.35 p.m.

Mr. Lloyd George has exchanged messages with M. Tepoff, Signor Boselli and M. de Brocqueville containing mutual assurances of strengthening friendships and unflinching efforts to secure victory of common ideals and adherence to the pledges given to Belgium.

ON THE WESTERN FRONT.

Strong French Attacks.

December 15, 6.10 p.m.

A German official announcement states:—We repulsed a triple attack to the south east of Malancourt, while, after a strong preparatory fire, extending far and near, the French attacked in waves at Opie de Poivre, but failed.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra.]

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SHIPPING AND THE WAR.

The P. and. O. Meeting.

December 13, 7.30 p.m.

Presiding at the meeting of the P. and O. Company Lord Inchape foreshadowed an increase in passenger rates next year.

He paid a tribute to the Captain and crew of the Arabic for safely transferring 720 persons to the boats in fifteen minutes. The Company had received hundreds of letters from passengers in appreciation of their rescue and the arrangements made for their comfort, on which the company had spent £10,000.

The capital of the Company was now £7,500,000 sterling. The financial position had been investigated most closely, and the result was quite reassuring. He hinted that the deferred dividend might be reduced. Referring to the submarine campaign he said that if all the stories were true submarines were being constantly sunk. He was perfectly confident that the Navy could overcome these momentary difficulties.

More Vessels Sunk.

December 15, 6.40 a.m.

The following vessels have been sunk. St. Ursula, Marlin, Harlington and Burdhope (British), Bjorn (Norwegian), and Emma Laurens, a four masted barque (French).

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

HOME POLITICS.

Credit Vote Adopted.

December 14, 4.40 a.m.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law moved a Credit Vote of £400,000,000, which he said would suffice until February 24.

The daily average expenditure had risen to £5,710,000. The total Credit Vote for the financial year had been £1,930,000,000, which was £350,000,000 above the estimate. The increase was mainly due to munitions and loans to our Allies and the Dominions. The extent of the increase in munitions was enormous, almost incredible, and this was a striking proof of the country's vitality. The increase under the heading "Loans to Allies and Dominions" amounted to £400,000 daily. The increase, however, had gone entirely to the Allies as the Dominions were able to finance their expenditure.

He emphasized Germany's advantage in the matter of controlling the resources of her allies; he declared that the Entente Governments had been endeavouring to secure central control and that much had been done in that direction during the last six months.

He believed that the rapidity of victory depended on the extent to which the resources of the Allies in men, money and munitions could be thrown into the common cause.

Referring to the peace proposals Mr. Bonar Law reminded the House that Mr. Asquith in moving the last Credit Vote declared that the Allies would require adequate reparation for the past and adequate security for the future (loud cheers). That was still our policy and that was still the determination of the Government (prolonged cheers).

Later. The House of Commons has unanimously adopted the Credit Vote.

New Appointments.

December 15, 12.45 a.m.

The following appointments are announced:—Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Munitions, Mr. Worthington Evans; Mr. F. G. Kellaway; Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, D. T. J. Macnamara; Civil Secretary of the Admiralty, Dr. T. J. Macnamara; Civil Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. E. G. Pretyman; Parliamentary Secretary of the Board of Trade, Mr. G. Roberts; Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Agriculture, Sir R. W. Winstanley; Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the War Office, Mr. J. J. MacPherson; Financial Secretary to the War Office, Mr. H. W. Forster; Lord Steward of the Household, Lord Farquhar; Treasurer of the Household, Mr. James Craig; Comptroller of the Household, Lord Cornwall; Captain of the Yeoman of the Guard, Lord Suffield; Lord in Waiting, Lord Kenyon and Viscount Valentia; Parliamentary Secretary to the Air Board, Mr. J. L. Baird; Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. Talbot Primrose; Lord of the Treasury; J. F. Hope, S. Walsh and J. W. Pratt. The others are unchanged.

THOSE PEACE PROPOSALS.

Russia Jeers at Germany.

December 14, 10.45 p.m.

According to Reuter's Petrograd correspondent a semi-official Russian Note scathingly criticizes the peace proposals and declares that all the innumerable sacrifices of the Allies would be nullified by a premature peace with an enemy exhausted but not yet brought down.

The Note says that the German Government is striving to persuade its people that the offer of peace is refused and that therefore their enemies are responsible for the continuation of the war. It proceeds to riddle the notes with references to the respect for the rights of other nations; it shows that the idea of the hegemony of Germany everywhere predominates in them, and declares that no favourable ground exists for peace negotiations. "The speeches of the Allied Premiers should convince Germany of the inacceptability of the proposal. This explains the avoidance of the mention of peace conditions. We are convinced that the new enterprise is condemned to failure, like the previous efforts. The Entente powers would assume a terrible responsibility before these peoples and all humanity if they suspended the struggle; but no illusory enemy proposals can weaken their firm determination to continue the war to a final triumph."

Serbia's Independence.

December 15, 12.10 a.m.

Mr. Lloyd George and M. Pastich have exchanged messages regarding the Allies' determination to prosecute the war until Serbia's independence has been restored.

Von Hindenburg's "Deep Emotion."

December 15, 2.25 a.m.

According to Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, General von Hindenburg has telephoned to Dr. Bethmann Hollweg congratulating him on his speech, which he read "with deep emotion and great satisfaction as a great moral demonstration of the strength of Germany. We soldiers know there is at present no higher and holier duty than the prosecuting of victory with the utmost energy, living and dying for Kaiser and Fatherland."

Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg replied: "The deeds of the Army on land and water have cleared the way for the magnanimous decision of the Kaiser and his Allies. If it does not please our enemies to terminate the war to-day our soldiers will fight to secure the Fatherland a strong and lasting peace."

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THOSE PEACE PROPOSALS.

The Hoodwinked Huns.

December 15, 2.25 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Flushing, there are great rejoicings among the German soldiers at the various Belgian frontier places, they believing peace to be imminent. Their behaviour everywhere is that of a victorious army.

Germany Looking Ahead.

December 15, 11.00 a.m.

According to Reuter's Washington correspondent the German Embassy has authorised the statement that it is certain one of the most important subjects for discussion at the Peace Conference would be the universal limitation of armaments.

LORD SYDENHAM HONOURED.

December 13, 7.30 p.m.

The Painters Company has granted the Freedom of the City to Lord Sydenham in recognition of his great services to the Empire, particularly while Governor of Bombay.

Lord Sydenham in acknowledging the honour said he had done his utmost for the Empire for many years in varied capacities, especially in trying to produce organisation for the war.

THE POTATO SUPPLY.

December 14, 11.00 a.m.

It is officially announced that the Board of Food Control, at the instance of the Board of Trade, has issued regulations for safeguarding the 1917 supply of seed potatoes.

HANDLING THE STRIKERS.

December 14, 11.00 p.m.

According to an official statement, Mr. Hodge has announced that he is dealing drastically under the Munitions and Defence of the Realm Acts with the boiler makers' strike in Liverpool, as the strike was interfering with work of vital national importance. It arose against the advice of the leaders over an award for the increased cost of living. Mr. Hodge's offer to hear the grievances if work was resumed was disregarded.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE.

Enemy Ammunition Dump Destroyed.

December 15, 12.10 a.m.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—We entered trenches in the neighbourhood of Mouchy-en-Bois, to the south of Arras, and bombed dugouts full of troops.

The enemy's attempt at a raid in the neighbourhood of Hulluch failed.

We bombarded and set fire to ammunition dump in the neighbourhood of Pys.

Lively Artillery Actions.

December 15, 12.45 a.m.

A Paris communiqué says that there have been fairly lively actions south of the Somme, on both banks of the Meuse and on the heights south of Bonhomme.

FRANCE AND NATIONAL DEFENCE.

To Suppress Alcohol Consumption.

December 15, 4.50 a.m.

A Bill is in draft to suppress the consumption of alcohol and to requisition it for defence purposes.

Taking the Necessary Measures.

December 15, 4.50 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent in Paris, the Government has introduced a Bill authorising the Government to take by decree the measures necessary for national defence, especially regarding the agricultural and industrial output, recruiting of labour, sale, distribution and consumption of commodities.

M. Briand's Policy.

December 15, 6.40 a.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent in Paris, Mr. Briand is indisposed through the strain of speaking and replying to interminable interpellations for six hours; and though continuously and passionately criticised for alleged lack of energy in dealing with Greece and Rumania, he retains a majority, which is practically unaltered. He is still confronted with a solid opposition headed by M. Clemenceau, but many of the latter will support M. Briand if they are satisfied that he is pursuing a vigorous policy.

AUSTRIA'S TROUBLES.

December 15, 4.50 a.m.

Reuter's correspondent at Zurich says that the fall of the Koerber Cabinet was due to the influence of Germany, who was displeased with Herr Koerber's firmness towards Hungary. Germany favours a conciliatory Austrian policy towards Hungary with the object of establishing closer political and economic relations between Austria, Germany and Hungary.

Herr Spitzmuller, the new Premier, is an ex-employee of the Deutsche Bank.

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(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

London, Received December 16.
Reuter's correspondent at Copenhagen says that the plebiscite on the question of the sale of the Danish West Indies (to the United States) resulted in 283,694 in favour and 187,596 against.

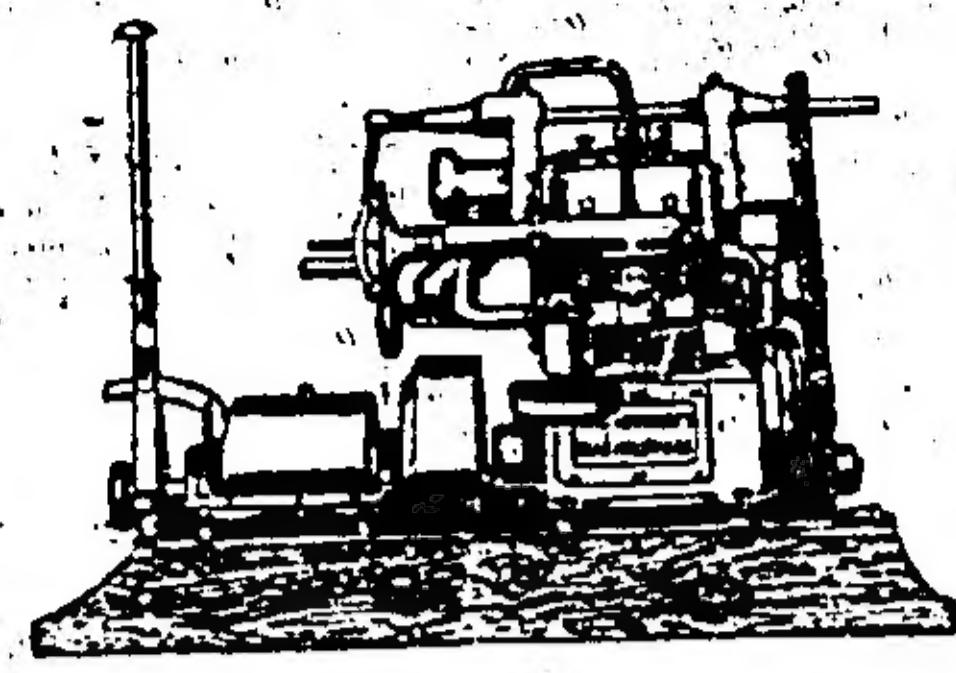
HOLIDAYS.

The List for Next Year.

It is notified that the following Public and General Holidays will be observed as "Government Holidays in 1917":—

Public Holiday.
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The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1916.

HONGKONG UNIVERSITY.

Our local University has held its first Congregation for the conferring of degrees, and, making due allowances and reservations, it may be congratulated on a good four or five years' work. Four or five years, as goes without saying, is far too short a period to be regarded as a fair test of an institution's usefulness—the more so in this particular case, in that the Empire has been at war for half of that time. Under even the most advantageous circumstances a period of at least that length would be required by the authorities in which to find out their initial mistakes and essential weaknesses; and thus it is fairer to regard the Hongkong University as only now beginning. It has a big field of opportunities; what use is it going to make thereof?

Our University has it in its power to benefit two sets of people: the Chinese who are not satisfied with their own universities; and certain British elements: governmental, commercial and other. In order to give the maximum of help to the Chinese, its professors have to let the student see that they themselves are genuine representatives of all that makes for British refinement, self control, sense of honour, love of fair play and real sportsmanship. There was a time when the spurious article could be traded off on the Chinese; when, so long as a man had a white skin, he could pass for the embodiment of strength, wisdom and resource; but this is no longer the case; the Chinese are growing more and more enlightened and they are beginning to demand that the European who sets up for being their teacher shall be equal to the task. If the Hongkong University is going to take itself with becoming seriousness and to give what it undertakes to give, those Chinese whose means will not stretch to a home university education will find in it a far from insignificant boon. They, in their turn, it is hoped, will pass on some of the benefits that they have received, till, little by little, their University becomes recognised in China as a real wellspring of elevating and useful knowledge.

The good which the British themselves have to reap from the new institution is just as obvious. Not all the young men who have graduated at Hongkong will betake themselves to Chinese territory when their course is ended. Many, especially on the Engineering side, will wish to remain here to take service under British firms, which will most certainly benefit, in most cases, by such an arrangement. Many other commercial advantages, which do not call for mention now, are also to be derived in the present and near future by our compatriots. But, when all is said, the chief value is to the Empire. Undertaken with proper seriousness, the University will become a living and perpetual proof to the Asiatic races that British methods of education (using the word in its widest sense) are to be preferred before those of most other foreign nations. It will be a means of tightening the bond between the Empire and those of its subjects who are Chinese, and of confirming in them the idea that British citizenship is something of which to be proud. And in this conviction, the loyal Britons of Hongkong will wish it every success.

Magisterial Inconsistency.

We have many times had to comment on the paucity of wisdom which periodically marks magisterial decisions in this Colony, and yet again would we point out what must be regarded as a serious anomaly in the administration of justice. As a matter of policy there should be—and we think none will gainsay this—some degree of consistency in the penalties inflicted for like offences, but frequenters of our Police Courts have it far too often forced upon their notice that it is merely a question of which magistrate offenders confront which decides the fine or term of imprisonment they have to suffer. It is only a matter of a few days ago that Mr. J. R. Wood very rightly fined a sales-man in the Yau Ma Tei market \$50 for using incorrect weights and scales, and when, this week, a parallel case from the Western Market was brought before Mr. G. D. Melbourne, one would naturally have expected similar treatment for this second defrauder of the public. But, although it was stated in Court that this dishonest trader tried to hide his scales from the Inspector, and that they were found to be no less than four per cent. against the purchaser, his Worship saw fit to let the defendant off with the payment of a \$5 fine, a thing the defendant no doubt found very profitable when contrasted with the money he had made by giving his customers short weight prior to his being caught. The

Extended Business Hours.

Messrs. Mackintosh and Co., Ltd., will remain open until 6 o'clock from Monday, the 18th inst., to Saturday, the 23rd inst., inclusive.

Struck Off.

It is notified that the names of the following Companies have been struck off the Register:—The Pan Bing Hotel Company, Ltd., the Club Germania, G. E. Hastings and Company, Ltd., Parr and Company, Limited.

Rubber Estate's Output.

Mr. A. Denison advises us that the crops from the estate of the Soeneng Empah Rubber and Coconut Plantations Company, Limited, for the month of November 1916 were:—Rubber, 15,000 lbs.; Coconuts, 1,045 nts.

The Saltpetre Case.

The bearing was continued at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, of the case in which two Chinese are charged with attempting to export a quantity of saltpetre without the usual permit. The case was fixed for hearing at a later date.

The Examination Service.

It is notified that the Commodore has appointed Lieutenant Commander Godfrey Cecil Echlin, R.N. (Retired), to be Officer in Charge of the Examination Service, vice Lieutenant John Austin Gaines, R.N., with effect from December 9, 1916.

Lecture.

Capt. Pelle's is to give a lecture on the 21st inst., under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, on "Central Asia as the meeting point of Eastern and Western Civilizations." By kind permission of H. E. the Governor the lecture will be given in the ballroom at Government House, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

For the Races.

The pony Golfin, owned by Mr. Scott, of Tientsin, arrived in the Colony yesterday on the s.s. Cheongchung to undergo training for the coming Races. He won the Championship Stakes at the Tientsin Meeting and is expected to make a good showing here. By the same boat Eak, also owned by Mr. Scott, arrived.

Belle View Hotel.

A meeting of the Licensing Board is to be held in the Council Chamber on Friday, December at 11 a.m., for the purpose of considering the following application:—From Charles Morris for a publican's licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors at the premises No. 2 Pak Siu Wan, Shau Kit Wan Road, under the sign "Belle View Hotel."

Christmas Geese.

A Chinese was evidently getting ready for Christmas, for he made an excursion into the country and arrived back in Hongkong with no less than 50 geese not his property. He sold these to different shops, but the police were on his track and he was arrested. His worship sent him to prison for six months.

Alleged Demanding of Money.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, with demanding money by menace whilst acting as a revenue officer in the public service. Another man was charged with aiding and abetting. Mr. E. J. Geist represented the officer, and the other man's interests were looked after by Mr. J. H. Gardner. The case was adjourned.

Wholesale Metal and Paint Theft.

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DAY BY DAY.

FORTUNE WILL CALL AT THE SMILING GATE—Japanese Power.

The Mail.—Closed per s.s. Naukin at 11 a.m. to-day.

The Dollar.—The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 28. 41/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary. Monday is the 54th anniversary of the abolition of negro slavery in the United States.

Government.

December 10.—The community of Hongkong are under very heavy obligations to the Hon. Mr. T. H. Whithead for the sturdy fight he has made for some months past at the Legislative Council meetings against overwhelming odds in the vindication of public rights, and for the consistent course he has pursued in openly and fearlessly exposing the utterly rotten condition of the department jobbery which for so long has so conspicuously disfigured the Government of Hongkong.

Arrival of Sir William Robinson.

December 10.—At seven o'clock this morning the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Japan was signalled, and by eight o'clock she was at her buoy in the harbour, having made an exceptionally good run. His Excellency Sir W. Robinson, K.C.M.G., Lady Robinson, and Master Mr. Denison advised us that the crops from the estate of the Soeneng Empah Rubber and Coconut Plantations Company, Limited, for the month of November 1916 were:—Rubber, 15,000 lbs.; Coconuts, 1,045 nts.

The Salt Case.

The bearing was continued at the Police Court this morning, before Mr. J. R. Wood, of the case in which two Chinese are charged with attempting to export a quantity of saltpetre without the usual permit. The case was fixed for hearing at a later date.

The Examination Service.

It is notified that the Commodore has appointed Lieutenant Commander Godfrey Cecil Echlin, R.N. (Retired), to be Officer in Charge of the Examination Service, vice Lieutenant John Austin Gaines, R.N., with effect from December 9, 1916.

Lecture.

Capt. Pelle's is to give a lecture on the 21st inst., under the auspices of the Odd Volumes Society, on "Central Asia as the meeting point of Eastern and Western Civilizations." By kind permission of H. E. the Governor the lecture will be given in the ballroom at Government House, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

For the Races.

The pony Golfin, owned by Mr. Scott, of Tientsin, arrived in the Colony yesterday on the s.s. Cheongchung to undergo training for the coming Races. He won the Championship Stakes at the Tientsin Meeting and is expected to make a good showing here. By the same boat Eak, also owned by Mr. Scott, arrived.

Belle View Hotel.

A meeting of the Licensing Board is to be held in the Council Chamber on Friday, December at 11 a.m., for the purpose of considering the following application:—From Charles Morris for a publican's licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquors at the premises No. 2 Pak Siu Wan, Shau Kit Wan Road, under the sign "Belle View Hotel."

Christmas Geese.

A Chinese was evidently getting ready for Christmas, for he made an excursion into the country and arrived back in Hongkong with no less than 50 geese not his property. He sold these to different shops, but the police were on his track and he was arrested. His worship sent him to prison for six months.

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1891.

HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending December 16, 1891.)

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Annual Reports.

"The Sixteenth Financial and Economic Annual of Japan."

"There is no denying that the Japanese have taken kindly to the art of drawing up concise and exhaustive reports of the doings of their country and its dependencies; and their latest official Report is, if anything, more elaborately neat, or more neatly elaborate, than its predecessors. On the Finance, Agriculture, Industry, Commerce, Foreign Trade, Banking and Communications of the Empire it is a little mine of information. And this information is tabulated and systematised to such a degree that the reader can discover, almost at a second's notice, e.g. the number of banknotes issued by the Bank of Japan, the capital, earnings and expenses of a given shipping company, the number of applications for patents, or the average daily wage of a labourer. It will be seen therefore that, in addition to its being an official Report drawn up for the satisfaction of the Government of Japan, the volume is further a most valuable handbook for the man in the street, and the compilers are to be congratulated on their production. It should be added that some remarkably good diagrams and a well designed map of the Japan are included in the book."

"Annual Report on Reforms and Progress in Chosen (Korea), 1914-15."

On much the same scale, though in its way even more exhaustive, is the Japanese Government Report on Korea for 1914-15. The volume runs to nearly two hundred large pages, and it provides detailed accounts of the central and local administration of the country together with statistics on educational, scientific and industrial progress. It contains two good maps, endless tables illustrative of the country's varied interests, and a long series of photographs—some of the most artistic we have seen lately. To judge from this Report, all's well with Korea.

School Magazines.

"College Chimes."

The current number of *College Chimes*, the magazine of St. Stephen's College, is even better than its forerunners—and they have invariably been good. The present issue contains a wealth of brightly-written school notes, the conclusion of an article on the drama of South China, by J. Yat Ming-lee; a description of Tsing-ping (F.M.S.) by Soo Hoy-man; "A Day in the Trenches in Serbia," signed B. W. Barney; some verses—passable and anonymous; some very interesting notes on the local Observatory, by T. F. Cawson; "On Which the Sun Never Sets," by R. G. Sutherland, and an informative little paper dealing with Chinese shorthand, by Wong Pe-keung. All the contributions point to the fact that St. Stephen's College is not asleep as regards matters of live interest, and the editor is to be congratulated on a rattling good magazine.

"The Yellow Dragon."

Less pretentious in bulk than its rival, the Queen's College publication is nevertheless quite good. Some verses, signed Hong-hom and entitled "The Crusader's Wooing," attract special attention on account of their quality—which is excellent. There is further information on the subject of a legendary personage known as Willis Gallows: all of it readable and ingenious; and there are one or two papers supplied by Queen's College boys themselves which are highly creditable.

No Water.

On her last run up from Hong-kong to Wei-hai-wei, the Cheung-shing (Capt. Betherington) sighted a junk about eighty miles from south of the South-east Promontory, the occupants of which (Bingpo Fishermen) were evidently in distress, as they were waving signals for help. On one of the ship's boats reaching the junk, it was found that those on board had run out of fresh water, having been in that plight for three days. A supply was given the fishermen, and the steamer then proceeded on her way.

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SANATOGEN ASSETS
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Story of A German Company.

We (Times) are informed that a group of British business men, headed by one of the most prominent leaders of British industry, have purchased the assets of the firm of Messrs. A. Wulffing and Co., manufacturers of sanatogen, formamint, and other chemical products, relating to their business in this country.

The war history of this enemy concern has been of unusual interest. The proprietor of the business in all its branches, in Germany as well as in England, was Herr Johann von Wulffing, and the two managers of the firm on this side were also Germans. Early in the war the concern was put under the supervision of a controller appointed by the Government, and Mr. Max Muller, one of the managers in England, was allowed by the Home Office to communicate with the proprietor, who lived in Germany, about a proposal to sell the business to an English company. Herr von Wulffing telegraphed that he agreed to the sale provided that he had an option to repurchase at the end of the war. The telegram was intercepted by the Censor, with the result that the Home Office refused consent to the proposed transfer to an English company. Thereafter for a time, apparently, the firm was allowed to continue its business in England.

On May 16, 1916, it was announced that an order had been made by the Board of Trade requiring the business to be wound up, and seven weeks later a notice was issued stating that the controller appointed by the Department (Mr. E. Layton Bennett) had decided to sell by tender as a going concern the leases of the premises held by the company near Penzance and in Chenes Street, Bloomsbury, together with the plant and machinery, and that the existing milk contracts and stocks of sanatogen, formamint, &c., would also be disposed of. Nothing more was heard of the matter until towards the end of September, when it was disclosed that sanatogen was still being manufactured and sold by the company, the profits being accumulated and held presumably for the enemy proprietor, and that efforts were actually being made, by the employment of canvassers and the offer of a bonus, to push the sale of the product.

A day or two later it was stated by the controller that instructions had been received from the Board of Trade to sell the business at the earliest possible moment, without any reference to trademarks of goodwill. It was explained that the Board of Trade had ordered the sale as announced on July 3 to be postponed owing to uncertainty whether the trademarks should be cancelled or sold with the other assets, and that they had allowed the firm to go on making and selling sanatogen in order that the farmers who supplied skimmed milk to the business should not find their contracts suddenly ended without an opportunity of receiving them with the purchaser of the factory.

It was consequently not until September 27, 1916, nearly 28 months after the outbreak of war, that the Government gave their final directions for the sale of this German undertaking.

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Goods not cleared by the 22nd December, 1916, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday & Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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	155 - -	157 10 -	167 10 -	177 10 -	187 10 -	200
	77 10 -	78 15 -	83 15 -	88 15 -	93 15 -	100
	38 15 -	39 7 6 -	41 17 6 -	44 7 6 -	46 17 6 -	50
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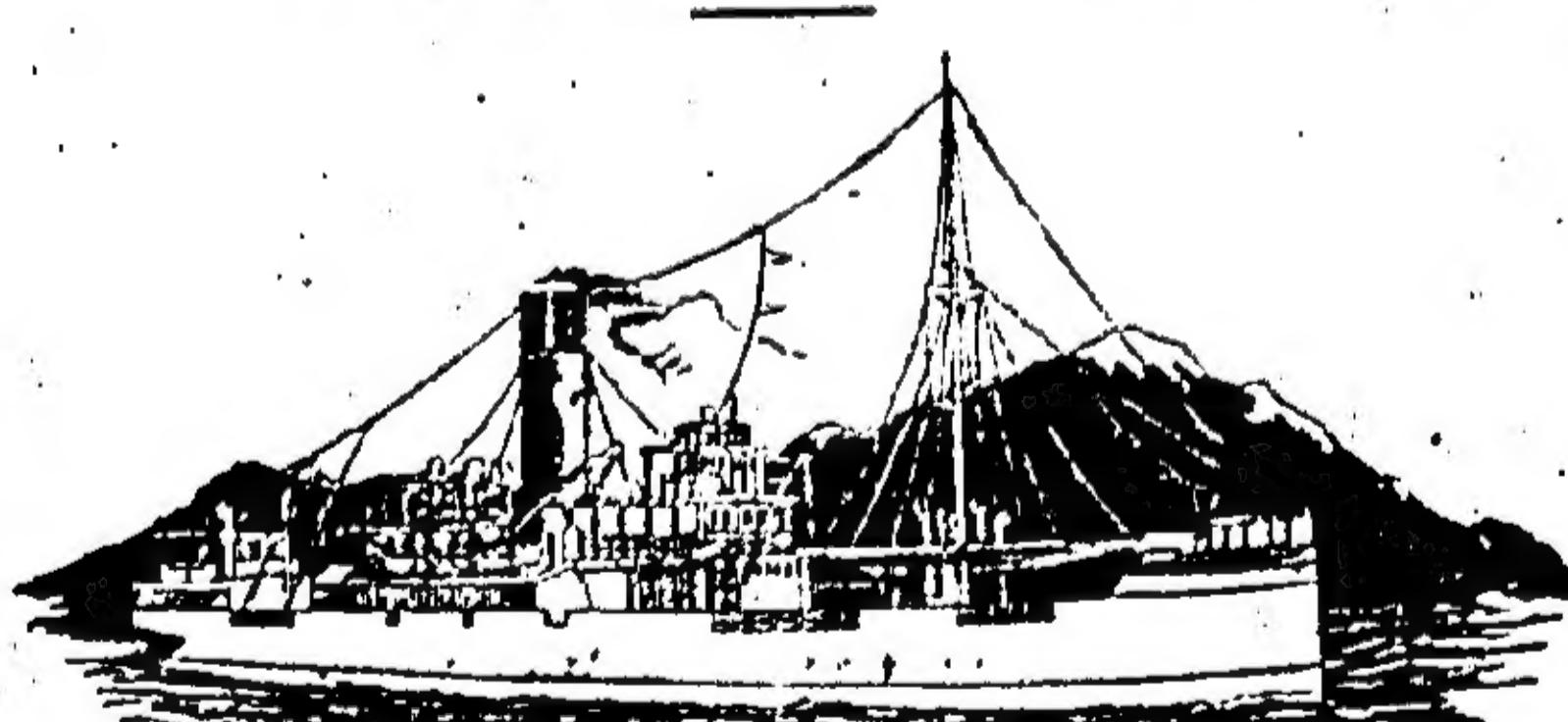
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KISMET."
THE HONGKONG A.D.C.
PRODUCTION.

A Brilliant Gala Night Success.

In its days, the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club has presented to the public some really remarkable productions for a body which, in a relatively small European community, suffers handicaps unknown to similar organisations at home. But it has probably never equalled, and has certainly never excelled, the presentation of "Kismet," which was staged for the first time in the Far East at the Theatre Royal last night. It is practically only within the past few years—since the advent here of Mr. Walter Sinclair, in fact—that the Club has set itself out to produce plays of marked spectacular charm, and, despite the manifest drawbacks caused by the lack of adequate staging facilities in the Colony, it has succeeded most marvellously. Those who recall the production of "The Bluebird" and of "Twelfth Night" know what artistic triumphs these plays were from the point of view of stage setting, but it is the unanimous verdict of all present at the gala performance last night that, for sheer gorgeous richness and colour effect, "Kismet" easily caps all that has gone before. The play was really beautifully staged, and, what is equally essential to a production of this kind, the real Oriental atmosphere was preserved and maintained by fine acting and specially appropriate music composed for the occasion.

The story of the play has already been told in our columns, and it is not therefore necessary to recapitulate it. In brief, it is a tale of Oriental intrigue, stoicism and revenge. To put it in the words of the introduction to the programme, "Kismet" is a play that strives to capture, not only the imagination and adventure, but also the colour of the East of the Arabian nights. Hajj, the beggar and its hero, in a single day, carries with a song that is magnificent, the whole world of the Orient—its beauty, its brutality, its poetry and its comedy—upon his broad shoulders." And it not only seeks to convey all that these words convey—it succeeds in doing so. For an amateur society, the undertaking is an extremely ambitious one. In the hands of unqualified interpreters, "Kismet" would be a miserable failure—a hopeless jumble. But, by a close study of its underlying motive, a careful analysis of every character in it, and magnificent stage settings, the Hongkong A.D.C. has succeeded where even many a professional company would come far short of what is required. There are three acts in the play, the action of which, as has already been indicated, is supposed to take place in a single day. But there are, in these acts, no fewer than ten scenes—a circumstance which, in itself, would be sufficient to scare most amateur bodies from attempting to produce the piece. The magnitude of the producer's task is therefore apparent, and when we say that the play was a great triumph from the striking matter in which it was put on, some idea will be gained of the amount of work which Mr. Sinclair has put into it. For very many weeks he has worked with unflagging zeal on "Kismet," and last night he and his willing co-workers had their reward in the hearty and unstinted appreciation shown by an audience which crowded the building to its very doors. Before leaving the aspect of actual production, a tribute must here be paid to Mrs. C. H. P. Hay, by whom, and under whose supervision, the gorgeous costumes were designed and made. She has rendered invaluable help all the way through. A word must also be said of the painting of the scenery, which, to the original designs of Mr. Sinclair, was done by Mr. H. G. Cross, 4th K.S.L.I., and Sapper J. S. Jones, R.E.; their work was altogether admirable. The lighting arrangements, which

were most effective, were under the control of Mr. Denman Fuller, and the properties by Mr. A. M. Preston and Mr. J. H. Ramsey, while Mr. W. A. Cornell and Mr. P. Cross were most useful right-hand men to the producer as stage assistants, as also was Mr. E. Mitchell as prompter. Stage accessories were kindly lent by Ye Cheong, of Flower Street, Messrs. Lane Crawford and Co., and Messrs. Komor and Komor.

Coming to the acting, chief honours naturally fall to Mr. C. H. P. Hay in the role of Hajj the beggar, who, in a single day, tastes all the joys and sorrows of life. His work is the outstanding feature of the production; one can hardly conceive of the part being more finely handled. An old hand at theatricals, Mr. Hay has many successes to his credit, but in this piece he excels all his previous accomplishments. Whether as the poor and lowly beggar, the pride-swollen expectant of high office, the revengeful hater, or the agonised, distraught character at the end of his resources, he is always deeply convincing and wonderfully natural; and to him more than to anyone else the success of the play is largely due. We have seen many clever pieces of amateur acting, but few, if any, more thoroughly good than Mr. Hay's Hajj. The other parts are subsidiary to that of the beggar, but there are one or two other members of the cast on whom not a little work falls. The Caliph was impersonated by Mr. Findlay Smith, who maintained the dignity of the part most admirably and also acted with appropriate tenderness as the lover of Marsinah. The latter role was in the hands of Mrs. Evans, who had a rare appreciation of all that the part called for. She was certainly one of the successes of the evening. Mr. L. N. Leete, as the Wazir Mansur, was admirably suited to the character, while Mr. M. S. Northcote added to a long list of previous successes by a very clever study of the Sheikh Jawan, Hajj's chief enemy. Mrs. Milner Jones had a very difficult task in the part of Mrs. Mansur's first wife, the queen of the harem, but she rose to the occasion well. A word must also be said of the manner in which Mrs. Manning played the role of the old nurse, as also of the clever dancing of Miss Filkins, while Mr. Bullock must not be forgotten as the storyteller and the gaoler. The other parts were also in capable hands. The full cast was as follows:—

Hajj, Mr. C. H. P. Hay; The Maezzi, Mr. J. M. Walker; The Imam Mahmud, Mr. J. Young; A Mufti, Mr. J. H. Ramsey; The Guide Nasir, Mr. A. M. Preston; The Sheikh Jawan, Mr. M. S. Northcote; The Beggar Kasmir, Mr. R. F. Mattingly; Amru, Mr. S. Komor; Zayd, Mr. Komor; Amra's Apprentice, Mr. B. Caldwell; Zayd's Apprentice, Mr. L. D. Purves; The Caliph Abdalla, Mr. V. Findlay Smith; The Wazir Abu Bakr, Mr. C. Champkin; The Wasir Mansur, Mr. L. N. Leete; Mr. S. Gray, Mrs. Mansur's Sworder, Mr. B. G. Herbert; Afie, his Secretary, Mr. L. S. Sim; The Captain of the Watch, Mr. J. A. Ridgway; An Attendant of Mansur, Mr. E. Mitchell; An Attendant of the Caliph, Mr. J. H. Ramsey; A Harald of the Caliph, Mr. P. S. Cassidy; A Sweet-seller, Mr. J. H. Ramsey; Flowerboy, Mr. Dick d'Almada e Castro; The Donkey-man, Mr. J. Young; The Goatman, Mr. E. F. Seal; The Monkeyman; Mr. J. S. Jones; Water Carrier, Mr. J. M. Walker; A Blind Man, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock; A Chinaman, Mr. G. W. O. Burnett; The Gaoler Kutsiy, Mr. J. A. E. Bullock; Marsinah, Hajj's Daughter, Mrs. Evans; Nasir, her Nurse, Mrs. W. Manning; K-birah, an Old Woman, Miss L. Tolan; Miskat, a Slave, Mrs. Hammond; Kut-al-Kulub, Mansur's first wife, Mrs. Milner Jones; The Almab, Principal Dancer, Miss D. Filkin; The Storyteller was Mr. J. A. E. Bullock.

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Musicians.—Misses M. E. Long, V. Basavet, Basavet, and Stokes. Kut-al-Kulub's Attendants.—Mrs. E. L. Sim, and the Misses L. M. Rosser, D. Nixon, Haynes, Lammet, and L. Tollin.

One of the features of "Kismet" as it is produced by the Hongkong A.D.C. is its music, which has been specially written by Mr. Norman Peterkin, a local composer of considerable genius. This is not by any means the first work he has done, as he is a prolific and most promising writer of songs and piano music. Many of our readers have no doubt already heard his Octave Study and his Dreamer's Tales for the piano, which have been played by Mr. Denman Fuller at piano-foote recitals. In "Kismet" Mr. Peterkin has cleverly caught an Eastern atmosphere by his themes, which are harmonised in quite modern style, and the effect is decidedly piquant. If this music is the orchestration of which Mr. Denman Fuller has rendered valuable help and supervision, has been heard in London, we have no doubt that it would have created a deep impression and established Mr. Peterkin as a composer worthy of notice. In interpreting the music last night, the orchestra, which the composer himself conducted, gave a very good account of itself, though it was handicapped by the fact that several instruments necessary to give perfect balance were not available. One can imagine how gorgeous the music would sound if played by a really full orchestra. The pieces comprise Prelude, March, Marsinah's dance, Oriental dance and Valse lente as instrumental music, while the vocal items are songs for Marsinah and the Caliph, as well as the duet for the same voices.

The words to the Caliph's song are the well-known lines from "Omar" — "I sometimes think that never grows so red a rose"; and Mr. Findlay Smith gave a splendid interpretation of it. He possesses a magnificent baritone voice, and is undoubtedly one of the finest singers in the Colony. Marsinah's song, by Mrs. Evans, was also excellently sung. But we think that the dast is the item most likely to command popularity: it is very finely conceived and was most effectively rendered last night. The orchestra was composed of the following:—

First violins:—Miss V. Crees, Miss P. Gordon, Mr. W. R. Neighbour and Mr. C. P. Xavier Second violins:—Mr. A. Braga, Mr. S. Gray, Miss B. Judah, Mrs. A. W. L. Robertson and Mr. J. M. Rosario. Viola:—Mr. J. Gracia Ozorio. Cello:—Mr. P. A. Rosario. Flute:—Mr. J. D. Osmond. Clarinet:—Mr. S. Piana. Trombone:—Mr. A. Osmond. Piano:—Miss Esther Xavier. Organ:—Mr. E. J. Chapman. Conductor:—Mr. N. Peterkin.

Next to the success of the play itself, the enthusiastic manner in which members of the society and others had worked beforehand must be mentioned. The whole of the performances are in aid of the Star and Garter Fund, and for such a worthy object there has been no lack of willing helpers, all of whom have given their services gratuitously. In the designing of posters, Mrs. J. D. Danby, Mr. L. Ross and Mr. M. A. Baptista put out some very striking appeals, as also did Mr. E. L. Sim in like work and in producing the rather unique cover to the programme and the incidental music, the print of which is being sold for the Fund mentioned. Then the financial success of the undertaking was materially aided by the thorough campaign carried out by numerous ladies in selling advanced tickets. Their names are as follows:—Mrs. Alabaster, Mrs. Aitken, Mrs. Apoor, Mrs. Aubrey, Mrs. Beavis, Mrs. Bookwith, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Bowley, Mrs. Carlston, Mrs. Carmichael, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Chapman, Lady to-night.

Sugar Woman.—The Misses

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Thanks are also due to Mr. E. F. Scull (for the loan of a goat); Mr. F. A. Stevenson (for the loan of a donkey); Mr. F. M. Gutierrez (for training pigeons). Messrs. Moutrie and Co., Ltd., Lane, Crawford and Co., Ltd., Lane, Robinson Piano Co., Ltd., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd., C. E. Warren and Co., the Hongkong Printing Press, Kayamally and Co., Mehta and Co., Ah-Men and Hing Cheong, Bon-Tor, the Sino-Go Co., Ltd., Obelaram, Madame Flint, the Hongkong Daily Press, the S. C. Morning Post, the Hongkong Telegraph, the China Mail.

Others who usefully helped were Mr. V. Findlay Smith and Mr. J. Bentley as advertising agents, and Mr. W. R. Mansfield as advance booking agent. The whole of the arrangements were in fact, admirably schemed, thanks to the organising ability of the members of the Committee, who are as follows:—Col. Chapman, V.D., Hon. Mr. Cland Severn, and Messrs. H. W. Bird, C. H. P. Hay, W. Sinclair, W. G. Worcester and M. S. Northcote. The Patrons of the Club are:—H.E. the Governor (Sir Henry May, K.C.M.G.), Vice-Admiral W.L. Grant, C.B., R.N., H.E. Major-General Veartis, and Commodore Sandeman, R.N.

His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady May and party, attended the performance and was received on arrival outside the theatre by a guard of honour drawn from the St. John Ambulance Corps, the members of which presented a very smart appearance.

The play is being repeated

THE OUTLOOK IN INDIA.

Interview with Sir Krishna Gupta.

Very nearly ten years have passed since Lord Morley prefaced his important schemes of constitutional reform in India by making room on the Secretary of State's Council in Whitehall for two members of Indian race—a Hindu and a Moslem. The first Hindu member of the Indian Council was Sir Krishna G. Gupta, an able and experienced member of the Indian Civil Service—indeed, the only Indian member of that service who has risen to the administrative rank just below the executive headship of a province. Retiring in 1915, after serving the full term of seven years in the India Office, Sir Krishna Gupta is now on the point of returning to India. Interviewed by a representative of the Manchester Guardian, he had various things of interest to say in regard to the outlook.

Questioned first as to the prevalent feeling in India, Sir Krishna said that, while there was no serious unrest, it was undeniably true that there existed a good deal of doubt and mistrust, coupled with a somewhat disappointing expectation. Why was it that, amid the widespread discussion of Imperial reconstruction after the war, India was so frequently left out, or, at best, referred to only in the briefest and vaguest terms?

In the early stages of the war, and while a large Indian contingent remained on the western front, the value of the services rendered to the Empire by India was everywhere insisted upon. Public men, from the Prime Minister and Mr. Bonar Law downwards, used language which implied an unmistakable intention. The response of India to the call of the paramount Power seemed to be accepted as an unanswerable argument for a new and more generous method of treatment. India, it was assumed, must in future be a partner and not merely a subject member of the Empire.

Naturally expectation was aroused in India. The loyalty of the princes and people, the valour of the Indian troops, had been tested. Surely India could henceforward be trusted, and her affairs administered in a spirit more consonant with the speeches of leading statesmen in England? On the contrary, however, what the public in India saw was that the hand of the Executive was heavier than before. The Press Act and the Arms Act were being enforced with the utmost severity. Under the Defence of India Act the summary powers of the Administration were employed in the raiding of private houses and the internment or deportation of persons who, for one reason or another, were suspected by or obnoxious to the authorities. It was noteworthy that during the past two years this severity was not directed only against active members of Hindu organisations. The Mohammedan community, once treated as though it had almost a monopoly of loyalty to the Government, was suffering in a marked degree. Its papers had been suppressed and some of its ablest leaders interned.

This state of affairs, Sir Krishna explained, added immensely to the existing difficulties of all moderate reformers, and all the constitutional leaders, both Hindu and Mohammedan. The Nationalist movement, as was well known, had an extremist section which was only too ready to rebel against the leadership of those who had directed the Indian National Congress and the Muslim League, and whose efforts had been exerted to keep the modern political movement in constitutional channels. But what was the position of these men to-day? They were taunted with the impotence of their attempts to influence the Government, and the danger was that the reform organisations which had been built up by the elders might be captured by the extremists.

What, then, Sir Krishna was asked, can or should be done?

There were two things, he replied, which were of special urgency. First, there could be no real progress towards the glorious

THE YARN MARKET.

A Dull and Featureless Fortnight.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall, in their report dated Dec. 15, state:—

Our last report is dated the 30th ult. The firm advises in the beginning of the period, cabled from Bombay, pointing to a further enhancement of values by spinners, have had little influence on this market, which has continued dull and featureless, the fortnight throughout. Clearance have gone from bad to worse and the recent high-priced contracts seem to find an extremely slow movement. The nervous feeling engendered by this in responsive character of enquiries from the interior has been aggravated by the pronounced upward tendency manifested by silver, with the result that dealers refuse to operate to any extent.

In view of the several factors that militate against each other, it is difficult to foreshadow the course of the market; however, having regard to the position of Bombay spinners which, at today's cotton, is otherwise than enviable, and in view of the poor prospective supplies, any serious set-back to the present values would appear far from likely.

Sales during the fortnight only amount to 2,200 bales. Esters on the whole, are barely steady.

Unsold and undelivered 28,000 bales.

Arrivals.—The extra steamer Kasai Maru and the mail steamer Novara from Bombay have brought in 8,000 bales for Hongkong and 11,000 bales for Shanghai. Shipments from Hongkong to Shanghai and coast ports 1,000 bales.

Shanghai.—Has practically the same story to tell, the sales reported being 2,500 bales with a steady market.

Japanese Yarns.—Have likewise been an uninteresting market, with hardly any alteration in rates. Only 300 bales kishiwada 20s are reported sold at \$166.

Raw Cotton.—No sales in Bengal or Chinese. Quotations:—Bengal at \$28 to \$31. Chinese at \$30 to \$37 per picul.

Full Court.

It is notified for general information that the Full Court of three Judges, as constituted by the Full Court Ordinances, 1912 and 1915, will hold its next sitting on Monday, January 15, 1917, at 10.30 a.m.

solution of the Indian problem until the question of military service and responsibility had been faced. The whole people was humiliated by the continued refusal of the Government to open the army to the educated classes of India. The question was not met by the holding out of possible careers to members of the aristocracy. The whole of India in this great crisis had shown herself worthy of trust, and trust was the only safe and righteous policy.

Secondly, Sir Krishna urged, the Secretary of State and the Viceroy should be empowered to make some considered statement of Imperial policy in relation to India after the war. No responsible party or body in India was making extravagant demands. The difficulty was, and the great peril of the situation, that nothing whatever had been said, no hint had been given, of what was intended. India did not know what to expect, and she could not be blamed for fearing that, as too often in the past, her interests and her cause might suffer injury and neglect. The future of the Dominions in the Imperial system was a subject of constant discussion, but the people of India could not be encouraged by such discussion. Recent history showed that a future in which the affairs of India were subject to the influence of colonial opinion—that is, to the opinion of British Dominions from which Indians were debarred—might well be no advance upon the present.

The times are critical, but Sir Krishna Gupta holds, India provides England with a magnificent opportunity of making the future not merely secure but glorious.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly consented to present the prizes at Queen's College on Monday, January 16.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.

Further Amendment of Local Ordinance.

The Importation and Exportation Ordinance has been amended as follows:—

The following headings are

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1916.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

BRITISH SEAPLANES ACTIVE.

December 15, 7.55 p.m.
The Admiralty announces that seaplanes, on December 14, heavily bombed the Kuleli-Burgas Bridge, to the south of Adrianople, doing extensive damage.

A TWENTY-FOUR HOURS' ULTIMATUM.

December 14, 5.50 p.m.
Reuter's correspondent at Athens states that a twenty-four hour's ultimatum was handed in at three o'clock on December 14. It demands the withdrawal of the entire force from Thessaly, the transfer of a specified proportion of the force to Peloponnesus, with arms and ammunition.

Demands for reparation in connection with the events of December 1 and 2 will follow.

COLONEL'S MAGNIFICENT HEROISM.

December 15, 8.00 p.m.
The Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Col. Bernard Freyberg, of the West Surrey Regt., who, by his brilliant leadership and utter contempt for danger, carried enemy front trenches, rallied and re-formed his men, and successfully attacked a second objective, taking many prisoners. He again rallied his men, and held a very advanced position, unsupported and under heavy fire, for the remainder of the day and all night. When he was re-inforced in the morning he organised and personally led an attack on a strongly-fortified village, which he captured, taking five hundred prisoners. He was four times wounded, but refused to leave the line till he had issued final instructions and had enabled the most advanced objective—on which the line was eventually to be formed—to be held.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Annual General Meeting.

At the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Nippon Yuseen Kaisha, at which after some discussion a dividend at the rate of 25 per cent. was approved, Baron Kondo, the president of the big Japanese steamship company, delivered a speech on the prospects of the shipping trade. He attributed the large profits of the company to the increase in freight rates caused by the shortage of bottoms due to the war, and expressed the opinion that boom conditions would last until the next meeting, but pointed out that the great increase in the price of coal and other necessities would cut into the profits for the next term. The meeting was held at the Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, on November 29.

As a whole the trade may be as prosperous as ever during next year, said the president, but it must be borne in mind when considering the position of shipping companies that owing to the abnormal advance in wages and in the running expenses of the companies will greatly increase, and in consequence minimize the income of the lines generally. In the case of the Nippon Yuseen Kaisha for instance, Y. 4,500,000 more will have to be paid for coal during the next half year.

The tonnage of the world's mercantile marine is on the decline at present, continued the speaker. According to latest investigations the total tonnage of the world's mercantile marine is estimated at 45,247,724 tons against 45,403,890 tons a year ago. Thus the gross decline in the figure for the past twelve months comes up to 150,165 tons. Further, taking into account the enemy ships held up, the tonnage of ships held back from trade is estimated at 42 per cent. of the whole tonnage of the mercantile marine of the world registered previous to the war.

However, this loss in the mercantile fleet is being rapidly made good. According to the latest report to hand, observed the baron, Great Britain has drawn up a plan to build 5,000,000 tons of shipping, while Italy will build ships aggregating 1,500,000 tons. Even Germany will construct new ships with a combined tonnage of 650,000 tons. Here, if the plans of

the different shipping lines be carried out, ship with a combined tonnage of 400,000 tons will be afloat very shortly.

Thus the world's mercantile marine is recovering its strength at a rapid rate and once the war is brought to an end all the ships held up will re-appear on the seas to resume their trade, but international commerce will not expand at such a pace. Therefore, it is open to question whether the present prosperity of the shipping trade can be maintained long after the close of the war.

Baron Kondo emphasized the fact that the best brains must prepare against this after-war change in trade and the success or otherwise of the measure thus devised is the pivot on which the fortune of the lines turns. The P. & O. S.N. Company, for example, is pushing on with its plans for after-the-war, but the steps being taken are kept secret.

HONGKONG TRADE.

Features of the Past Fortnight.

The Fortnightly Price current and Market Report issued by the Chamber of Commerce under date of December 15 contains the following:

Cotton pieces goods and fancy cotton goods. Since we last wrote cotton has declined to 11.63d but home prices for cloth do not appear to be affected by the drop in the price of the raw material. A moderate business has been effected in staples at improved rates. No new transactions are reported in fancy goods but prices on this side have improved.

Cotton, Yarn. — The market generally has ruled quiet and the demand has been small, due to the sharp decline in American cotton and the rise in exchange. Quotations are: — No. 10s at \$110/132. No. 12s at \$120/131. No. 16s at \$137/152. No. 20s at \$140/173. Arrivals 10,500 bales. Sales 2,000 bales. Shipments 700 bales. Unsold stock 12,000 bales. Bargains 18,000 bales.

Metal. — Apart from a good demand for staples, which have touched \$16.50 per box, business continues dull. Lead has firm'd up, but few sales are reported.

Nails are extremely quiet. There are still large quantities to be cleared. Quotations from London and America are firm, advances having to be reported in most lines.

Flour Market Report. — American Market: No advices and no sales to Far East. Australia: Market strong. Believe export prohibited except to England, etc. Locally: Dead market: Little demand. Singapore has been relieving this market of some of the old stock. Quotations: — American Patent, \$4; American Cut off, \$3.40; American Straight, \$3.35; Shanghai Flour, \$3—\$3.05.

Coal. — Prices have advanced since our last report, but there are no sales to record.

Sugar. — Local market very dull, demand for browns being mainly for export to the North.

Canton Silk. — Messrs. Herbert Dent and Co., report under date of November 16, as follows: — Stock: — 4,800 bales. Market silk: — The fortnight under review opened with a slightly higher exchange and gradually advanced until the 10th instant when a weaker tendency was shown and rates gradually declined about 2 per cent. remaining steady at the close. As exchange fell dealers promptly raised prices for their stocks in about the same ratio. Holders, however, were compelled by the dearth of money to be somewhat easy sellers. Buying was continued daily on a small scale for France, French buyers being most prominent. Settlements for America have been about as large as during the previous fortnight.

Advices from Lyons state that the export of silk to Switzerland has been prohibited and this perhaps accounts for the smaller settlements for that market. Prices show a gain of \$30 to \$40 per picul on Extra A, star, chop, and other sorts in proportion during the fortnight. 22/23 drs. is much required for relatively higher in price. Wastes. — Insufficient. Scarcity of labour in England hampers spinners and export to the Continent is also difficult. The American Market still continues open but buyers are holding off somewhat for the moment.

Departed.

Among the passengers who left to-day by the s.s. Nankin were Sir Charles Eliot, K.C.M.G., and Dr. Wu Li-chen.

DAY BY DAY.

Golfers' Service.

Golfers are reminded that a special service for them will be held at the Cathedral tomorrow at 8.30, when the address will be delivered by the Rev. E. W. L. Martin.

Pickpocket.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. O. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with stealing a silver watch from the pocket of another Chinese who was otherwise engaged in helping an old man into a ricksha. Nothing was known about the man. His Worship sent him to prison for two days and ordered that he should receive ten strokes of the birch.

Alleged Embezzlement.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. O. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court this morning, with embezzlement of \$799 from his master, a small holder in the market. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton appeared for the prosecution. Defendant said he had lost the money in the road, but it was stated that he had actually lost it at Macao gambling. The case was adjourned for a week.

A Thin Story.

A woman has reported to the Police how she was tricked by a particularly thin story. A man came up to her while she was walking in the street and said that he had borrowed \$100 from her grandson and wanted to pay it back to her, so that she could hand it over. He asked her to follow him and took her into a stairway in Bridge Street where he asked her for her gold hair press as her grandson wanted a copy of it. She gave it to the man who has not been seen since.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to day by Mr. H. C. Jenkins, D. S. P. (Reserve) state: —

Cases in Court.

Staff Inspectors Wilding, Clarke, and Lamigan are prepared to assist any Police Reserve in the conduct of a case in Court. Member may always find at least one of these officers at the Imports and Exports office at 9 a.m. any morning, or may telephone (No. 50).

Police School.

Monday, Dec. 18.—Class I (Chief Inspector Kerr).

Tuesday, Dec. 19.—Class II (Inspector Gordon).

Thursday, Dec. 21.—Class III (Inspector Gerrard).

Friday, Dec. 22.—Class IV (Inspector P. O'Sullivan).

Service Board.

Thursday, Dec. 21.—No. 2 Company, Band and Orchestra.

Friday, Dec. 22.—Nos. 1 and 2 Platoons and Water Police.

Wednesday, Dec. 27.—No. 3 Company, Buglers and Drummers.

Thursday, Dec. 28.—No. 4 Company, Ambulance Platoon, Mounted Police, Maxim Gunners and Motor Patrols.

Inspection of Arms.

No. 1 Company and Maxim Gunners (including medical exemption) will return their rifles to the Armoury between 5.15 and 5.45 p.m. as follows: —

Tuesday, Dec. 19.—Nos. 1 and 2 Sections and Maxim Gunners.

Friday, Dec. 22.—Nos. 3 and 4 Section.

Each man must attach to his rifle a tab bearing his name, collar number and Section.

BILLIARDS HANDICAP.

The following is the draw of a billiard handicap, which will commence at the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, on Monday night:—
 P. H. May (rec. 10) v. Charlton (owes 40); Lennigan (owes 40) v. McLeod (owes 20); Kelly (owes 90) v. O. Hedley (owes 130); Lingfield (rec. 40) v. J. Parkes (owes 250); Simpson (rec. 30) v. Beirne (owes 140); Morgan (owes 90) v. A. Davis (scr.); Jackson (owes 60) v. Searle (owes 20); Murphy (owes 20) v. B. Cawsey (owes 100); E. W. White (owes 30) v. W. Badge (owes 160); H. Harrop (owes 60); v. Smith (owes 60); Cullen (owes 80) v. Ballen (owes 20); Elson (owes 80) v. Yolland (owes 60); Mallett (owes 50), v. W. M. Johnstone (owes 130); Coleman (owes 50), v. S. Gray (owes 250); Suiter (rec. 20) v. Oxberry (owes 50); Steele (owes 20) v. Graham (owes 60).

"OUR LITTLE BIT SOCIETY.

Another Parcel of Comforts.

"Our Little Bit Society" has forwarded the usual fortnightly parcels of comforts for our troops to Mrs. Philip de Fonblanque, No. 2 General Hospital, Chelsea, England, through the kindness of Messrs. Shewan Tomes and Co., containing the following:— 3,168 rolled bandages. 800 Swabs. 142 Flannel many tailed bandages. 14 Eye bandages. 28 Floor mops. 27 pairs Surgical Stockings. 51 milk covers. 3 Mufflers. 2 pairs Mittens. 23 Woollen caps. 38 Bed jackets. 65 suits Pyjamas.

JAPANESE PAINTINGS.

Forthcoming Exhibition at Messrs. Komor's.

Mr. Kineen, the well-known Japanese landscape painter, who is on a tour round the world, has arranged an exhibition of his work to be held at Messrs. Komor and Komor's, Alexandra Buildings on Monday the 18th December. The Exhibition will consist of some 120 specimens of the famous artist's work, and these will be sold at catalogue prices, ranging from \$5, to \$150. each.

Mr. Kineen's style is said to be very soft and charming and, as the exhibition will be open for five days only, the public should not miss the chance of seeing it.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 16th at noon—No returns from Japanese stations.

Pressure has decreased slightly at all stations reporting; it remains highest over North China and is relatively low over the south part of the China Sea.

Fresh and strong monsoon will prevail over the north part of the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 1916, 19.81 inches, against an average of 82.60 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW,

District Forecast

	N.E. winds, moderate
1. Hongkong to Gap Rock	{ fresh;
2. Formosa Channel	{ N.E. winds, strong.
3. South coast of China be- } The same	between H.K. and Lamock } as No. 1.
4. South coast of China be- } The same	between H.K. and Hainan } as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES.—Chief Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Dec. 16, 1916.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous	Day	On date	On date
Barometer	30.14	30.18	30.09
Temperature	65	55	65
Humidity	44	58	42
Wind Direction	N	N	W
Force	1	3	1
Weather	b	b	b
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00
Highs and Lows	80°	75°	80°
H.K. Observatory	December 16, 1916.		

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ARRESTS BY A SULTAN.

King's Thanks to the Ruler of Johore.

London, Nov. 4.—How the Sultan of Johore himself took part, both on Singapore Island and in Johore itself, in rounding up mutineers last year is told in the report of the British adviser to His Highness issued to-day. The work continued for two months and the total number of arrests and surrenders was 187, which included four men whose arrest the Sultan personally effected on the Kuih road.

These men were duly returned to Singapore, together with 83 rifles, 77 bayonets, and 3,685 rounds of ammunition found in their possession. One hundred men of the Johore forces attended a parade on the Esplanade, Singapore, and were reviewed by the Governor.

"In the rounding up of the mutineers we have had most valuable help from His Highness the Sultan of Johore. Some 180 men of the 5th Light Infantry have been captured through him and his forces and have been brought to Singapore. Your Highness as representative of His Majesty the King, I wish to express to you my warmest thanks for the manner—the practical manner—in which you have shown your firm loyalty, and I thank you on behalf of the Colony for the good work you have done for the Colony."

Subsequently the King-Emperor conferred on the Sultan the Hon. Membership of a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

BRITISH OWNERS OF SANATOGEN.

Lord Rhondda Chairman of New Company.

Lord Rhondda is to be the chairman of the company now being evolved from the syndicate which has purchased the business of Messrs. A. Wulffing and Co., of Sanatogen fame; and the directors will be his daughter, Lady Mackworth (who already is on a company directorate), Mr. Gomer Berry, Mr. A. Mitchelson, Mr. S. Holmes, Mr. W. Roach, and Mr. W. G. Asquith (general manager). There will be no public issue of shares.

"We bought by sealed tender, and we think we gave more than was necessary," said Lord Rhondda to a *Daily Chronicle* representative. The purchase was made through the controller acting under the Board of Trade.

"We have taken over the business as a going concern—all the assets, the special machinery, works, offices, and we are retaining the British staff. All German influence will be entirely eliminated. There are about 200 employees in London and Penzance (where the factory is situated).

"The whole of the raw material has been for some time produced in this country, and we are independent of Germany in every way. We are out to see whether we cannot make a bigger success than the Germans."

Lord Rhondda was not prepared to name the purchase price, nor to confirm or contradict any figures which have been published. [One account said £360,000.]

A point of interest is the comment that has been advanced in some quarters regarding the Board of Trade. Upon this Lord Rhondda said:—

"In every case where we have had to deal with a controller he has done everything he could to facilitate the sale of the German properties he controls. The Board of Trade have been rather vacillating over the Sanatogen business; they have once or twice changed their minds as to how the thing was to be sold. I think they are slow, but you have to bear in mind that every Government Department is working under high pressure, and it is not fair to complain without bearing that in mind."

The new British house will push the business throughout the world, and the company intends to offer ample funds and facilities for experimental research work in synthetic chemistry in the hope that English investigators may devise new products.

CLOSING OF ENEMY BANKS.

Transactions Involving Over £30,000,000.

At the outbreak of the war, pending the consideration of what should be done with the German-Austrian banks in London, the police were put in possession of their premises, and the Treasury no doubt took the best opinion in the City as to the policy to be pursued with regard to them in the interests of the Allies.

They decided to issue licenses to the banks to enable them to realize their assets in all parts of the world with a view to meeting their liabilities to British, Allied and neutral creditors, which liabilities in the ordinary way would have been paid in London. At the same time the banks were prohibited from undertaking any new business in this country.

The Treasury appointed Sir William Plender as controller to see that the terms of the licenses were adhered to. It is obvious that the realization of the assets and the closing of the transactions of the banks must have been a task of great magnitude, involving, as it has done, a sum of little less than £30,000,000 sterling, and the payment in full by the three German banks of British, Allied and neutral creditors, whose claims would in the ordinary course have been met by the London agencies of these banks.

In the case of the Deutsche Bank the advance account of the Bank of England has been entirely paid off, and in the case of the Dresdner Bank and the Disconto Gesellschaft Bank it has been very materially reduced.

Complaints have been made in certain quarters as to the time occupied in achieving these results, but professional and financial people who are familiar with the difficulties and the time that must be taken over such matters are astonished at its brevity. There has been no large liquidation of any bank or financial institution whose assets approach anything like the figures of these banks which has been practically completed in so short a time. On the contrary, many well-known cases can be cited in which banks not of this magnitude have taken very many years to wind up.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a detailed statement in the House of Commons, has spoken of the work still to be done, but this work has nothing to do with maintenance of the banks as banks. It merely relates to the handing over of secured British, Allied, and neutral creditors' deposits for safe custody, the realization of assets concerning which difficulties have not yet been overcome, and the scheduling of a vast amount of investments whose value cannot be less than 20 millions sterling, in a form prescribed by the Public Trustee for his convenience. This involves not only a detailed description of every single share and bond deposited with the banks, but also a valuation of every security.

The destruction of the goodwill has already taken place by the cessation of all new business and by the severing of any links between the banks and the customers.

Had another method of winding up these banks been adopted by the Government, namely, liquidation, it could not have been so successful, as many neutrals would have refused to discharge their indebtedness to the liquidator, and would have remitted sums owing by them to the head offices of the banks in the enemy country.

Out of between 300 and 400 enemy aliens who were in the employ of the three German banks at the beginning of the war only some eight are now retained to give information and help to the Controller.

In the words of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, "The task has been a very heavy one, and anyone acquainted with its details would realize how much the country owes to Sir William Plender for his work."—*Daily Chronicle*.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—3rd Sunday in Advent, 17th December, 1916. Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.) Matins (11 a.m.) Responses: *Ferial Venite*; *Crotch*; *Psalm*: 33 (*Rimbault*); *Te Deum*; *Russell*, *Jones* and *Pye*; *Jubilate*; *Crotch* (3rd evening). Anthem: "O that thou hadst hearkened" *Sullivan*; *Hymn*: 51. *God Save the King*. N.B.—*Psalm* 88, verses 1, 5, 6, 10, 13, 14, 18 in unison. *Hymn*: 51, verses 1, 4 in unison. *Evensong* (5.45 p.m.) Responses: *Ferial*; *Psalm*: *Hayes*; *Woodward*, *Monk*; *Magnificat*; *Fisherbert* (24th evening). *Nunc Dimittis*; *Rimbault* (24th evening). *Hymns*: 46, 50, 54 (*T 4*).

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Sunday Service, December 17, Morning 11, Hymns: 368, 532, 369, 625. Subject: The Sunday Question. Evening 6, Hymns: 599, 270, 328, 223. Preacher: Rev. J. Kirk Macdonach.

St. Peter's Church, West Point.—8 a.m. Holy Communion. 11.20 a.m. Sunday School. 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon: Preacher: Rev. W. T. Featherstone.

Peak Church.—Evening service at 6.30 conducted by Rev. T. H. Caren.

The Gospel Hall.—(No. 10 and 12 Pedder Street). Weekly Services:—Sunday, Breaking of Bread, 11 a.m. Gospel Meeting, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Exposition of Scripture, 8 p.m. Thursday, Bible Class, 8 p.m. Friday, Bible Class for Ladies, 5.30 p.m. Saturday, Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Wanchai.—Sunday Morning Service 10.15 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6.15 p.m. Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Arsenal Street.—Sunday Evening, Gospel Services 8 p.m.

St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road.—Mass and Sermon at 10 a.m. followed by the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Roman Catholic Cathedral, Glencairn.—Low Masses at 6, 7, and 9.30 a.m. High Mass at 8 a.m. 5.30 p.m.—Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Church of Christ, Scientist.—MacDonnell Road, Sundays, 11.15 a.m. Wednesdays, 5.30 p.m.

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, Dec. 16, 1916.

SELLING.

T/T 2/4 5/6
 Demand 2/4 11/16

30 d/s 2/4 3/4
 60 d/s 2/4 3/8

4 m/s 2/4 15/16

T/T Shanghai Nom.

T/T Singapore 101 3/4

T/T Japan 111 3/4

T/T India 177 3/4

Demand, India 177 3/4

T/T San Francisco & New York 56 3/4

T/T Java 137

T/T Marks Nom.

T/T Francs 3.31 3/4

Demand, Paris 3.32

BUYING.

4 m/s, L/C 2/5 7/16

4 m/s, D/P 2/5 9/16

6 m/s, L/C 2/5 11/16

30 d/s, Sydney & Melbourne 2/5 11/16

30 d/s, San Francisco & New York 58

4 m/s, Marks Nom.

4 m/s, Francs 3.43 3/4

6 m/s, Francs 3.48 3/4

Demand, Germany —

Demand, New York 56 3/4

T/T Bombay 177 3/4

Demand, Bombay —

T/T Calcutta —

Demand, Calcutta 177 3/4

Demand, Manila 113 3/4

Demand, Singapore 101 3/4

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The first is for coolness, which means more comfort to the throat and tongue. Light any Cigarette. Draw in a "cloud" of smoke: a small, ordinary puff is not sufficient to make this test. Hold it in your mouth for a few seconds. Let it "float" around against your tongue and throat. Now blow out the smoke.

If the cigarette contains a high grade of mild tobacco leaves, combined in just the right proportion, it will always feel cool and smooth both to your throat and tongue.

On the other hand, if the proportions are not right and if the cigarette contains inferior grades of tobacco or hidden strands of rank leaf, you will feel a nipping sting at the tip of your tongue, or that "Sandpaper" tickle in your throat.

Test number two—How do you feel after smoking all day?

If the tobacco in the cigarette includes a correct proportion of mild grades—and if they have been so blended as to bring out the best qualities and neutralise any unpleasant qualities in each of the different types of tobaccos, you will be able to smoke practically whenever you feel like it through the day without feeling any effect from it.

But with another cigarette in which the blend is less skilful, even though the tobaccos are of the highest grade, you will find along towards the end of the day that you are likely to have that feeling of having "smoked too much."

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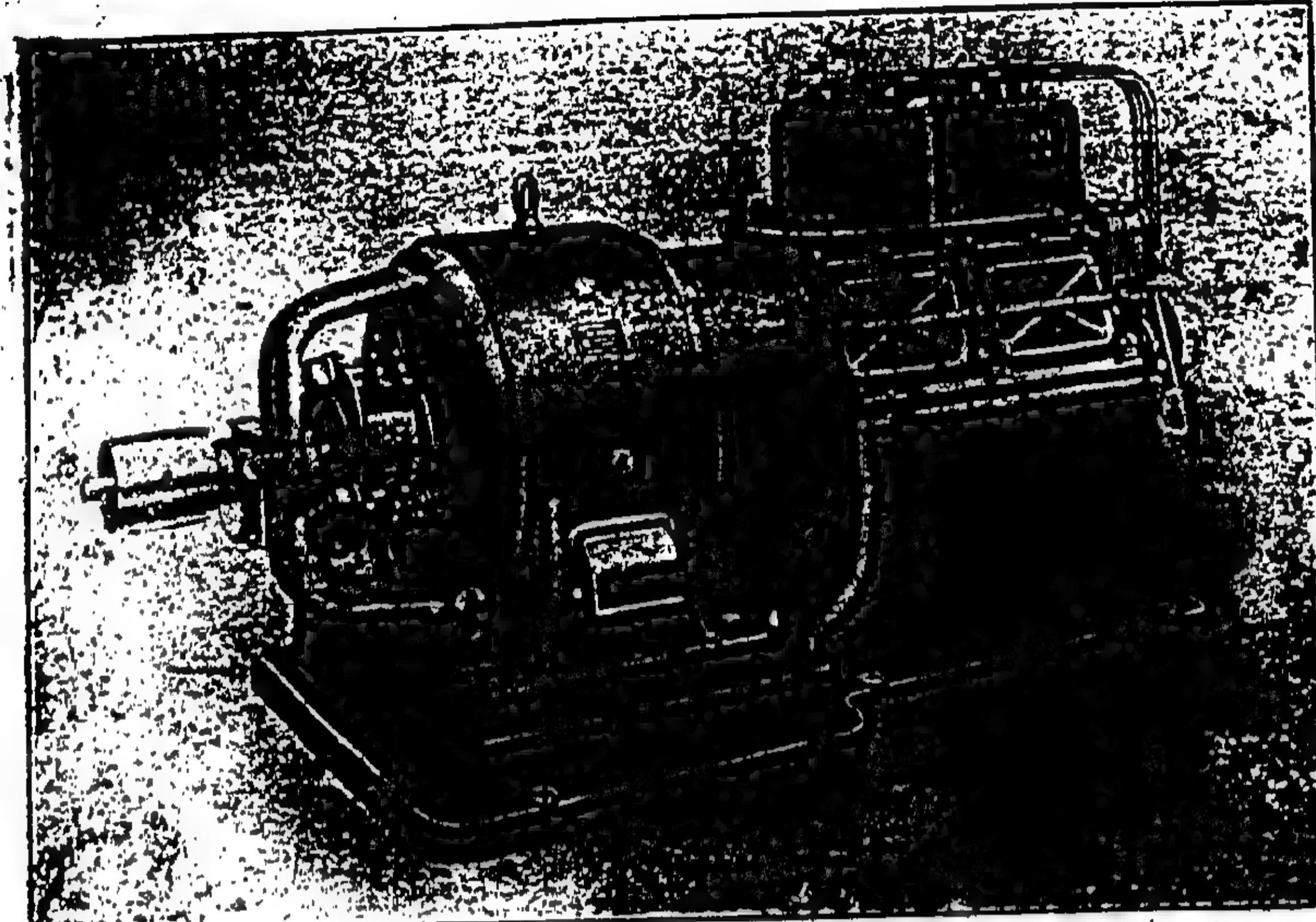
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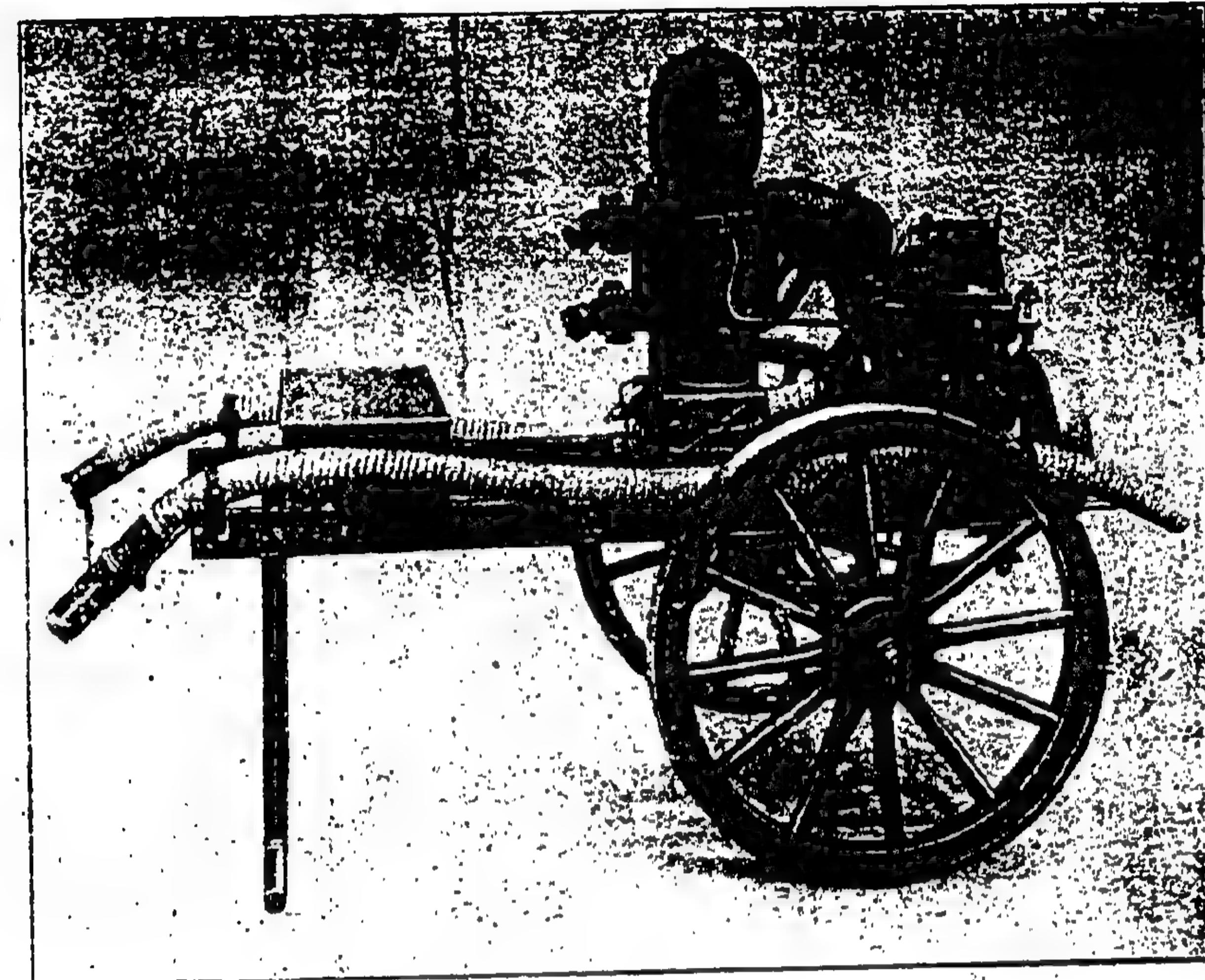


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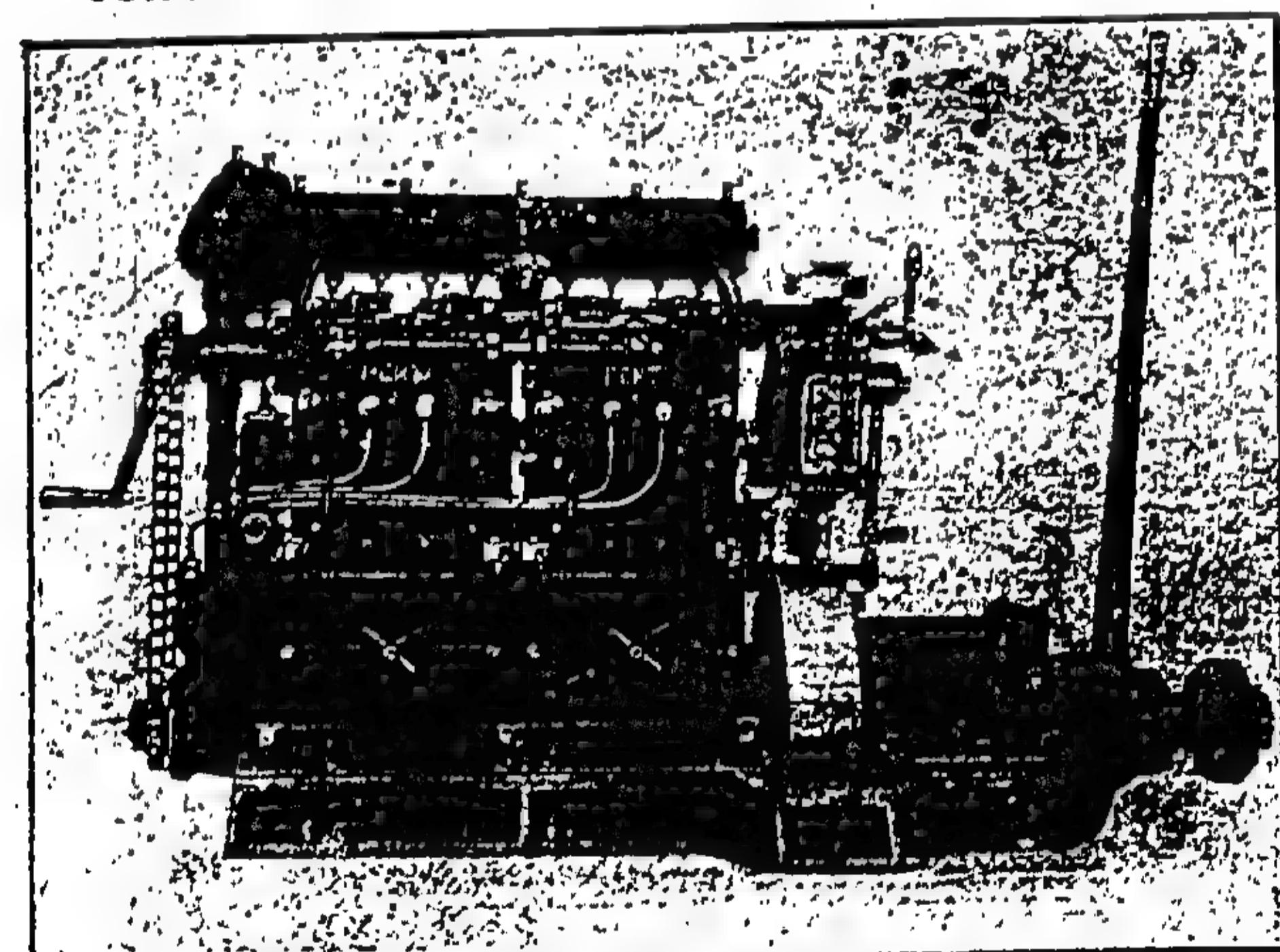
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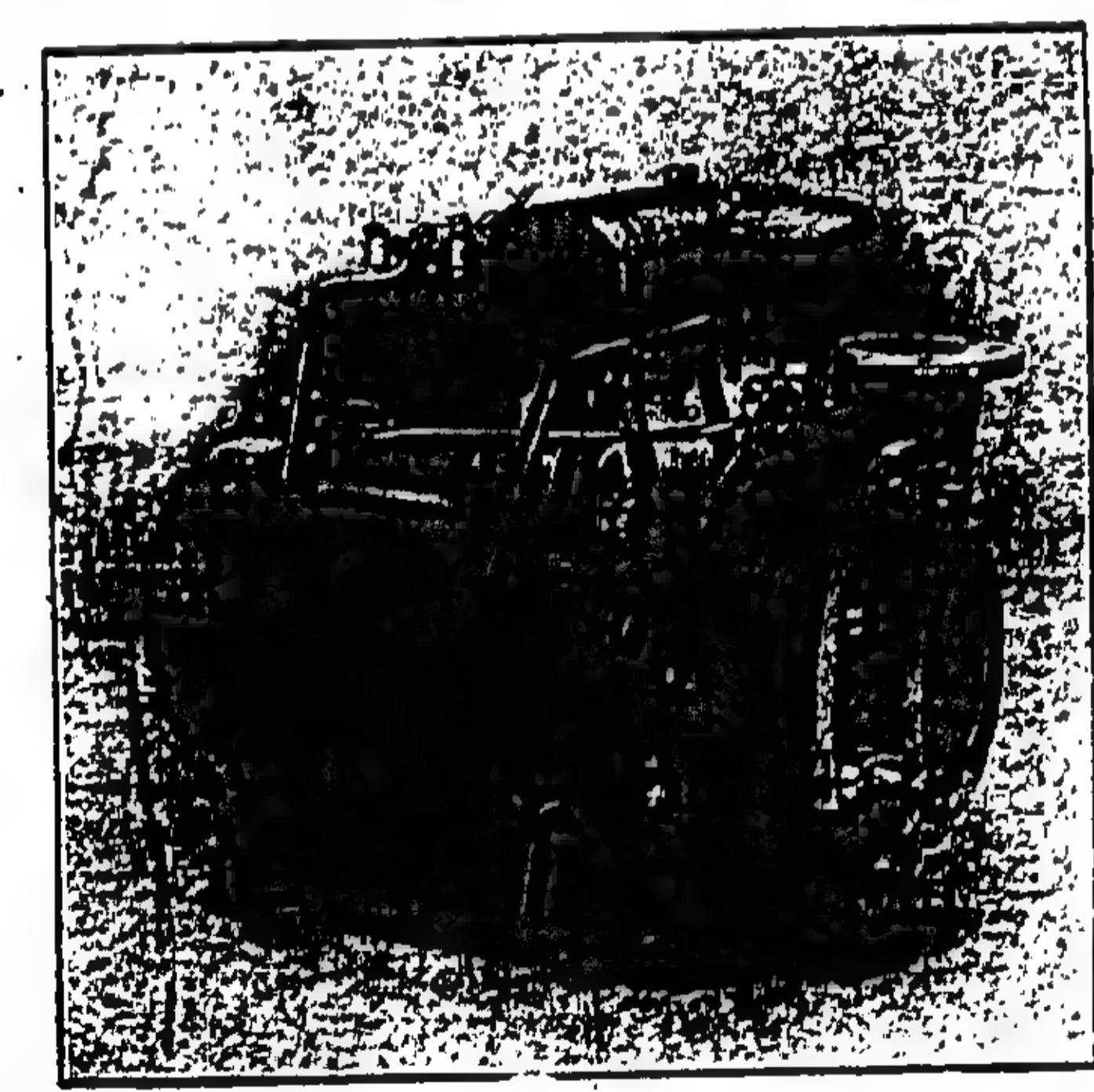
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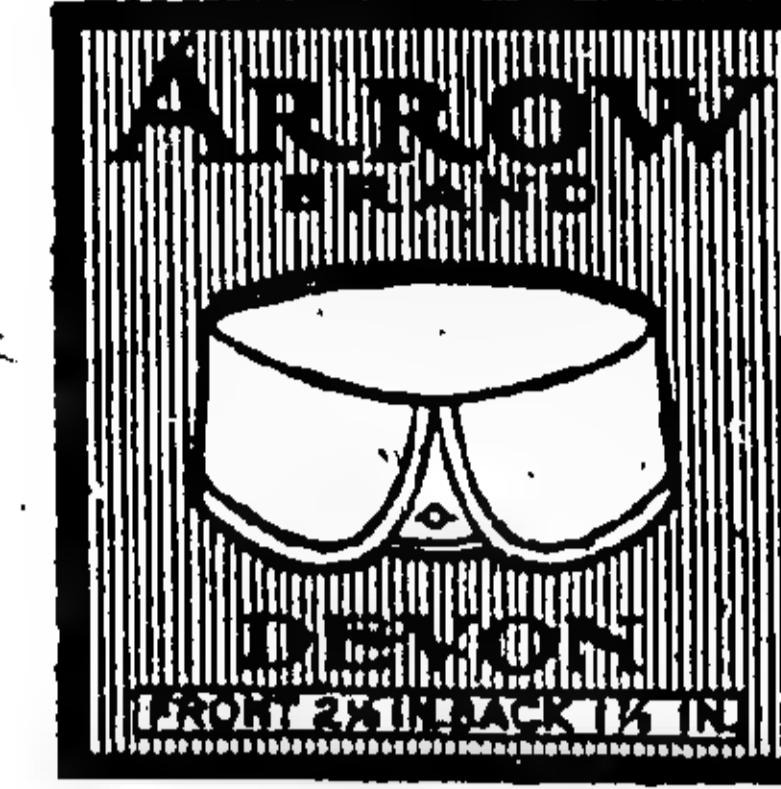
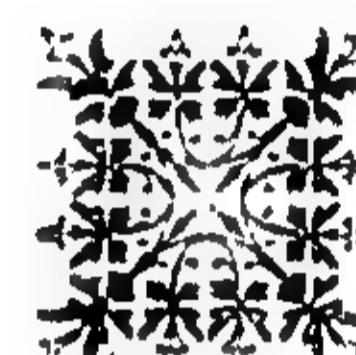
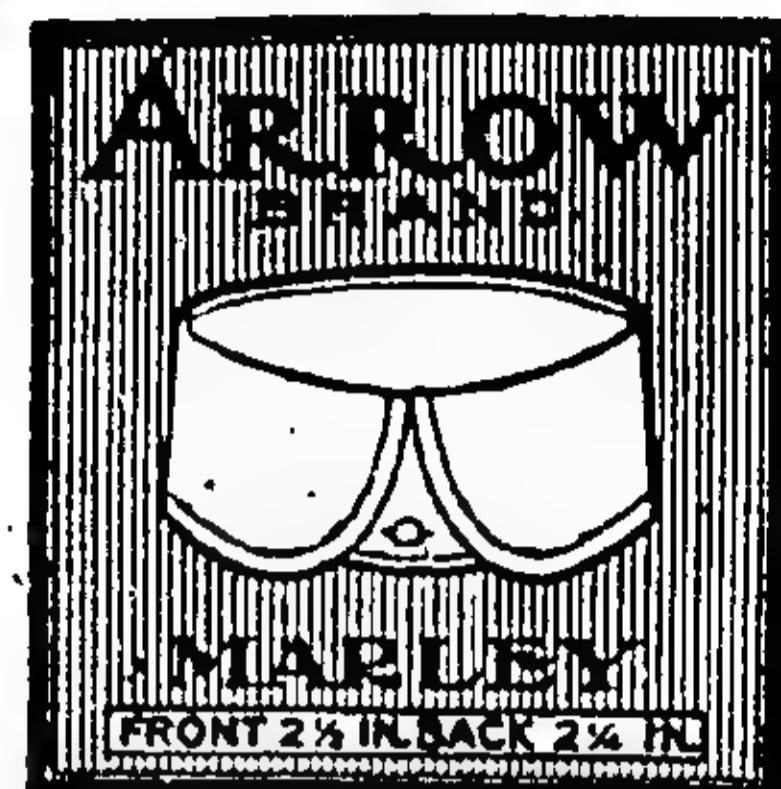
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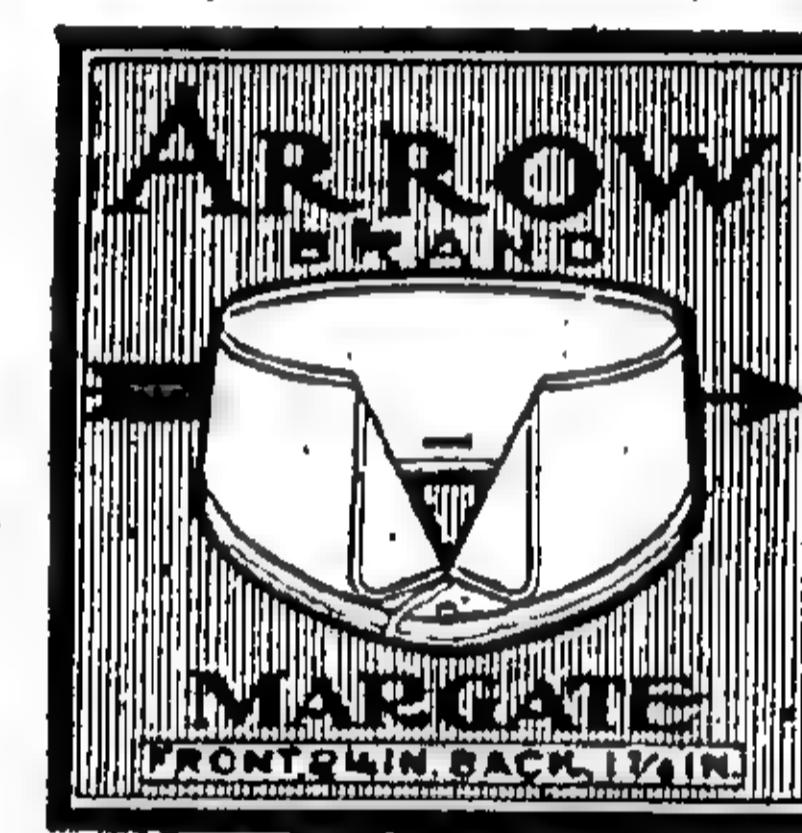
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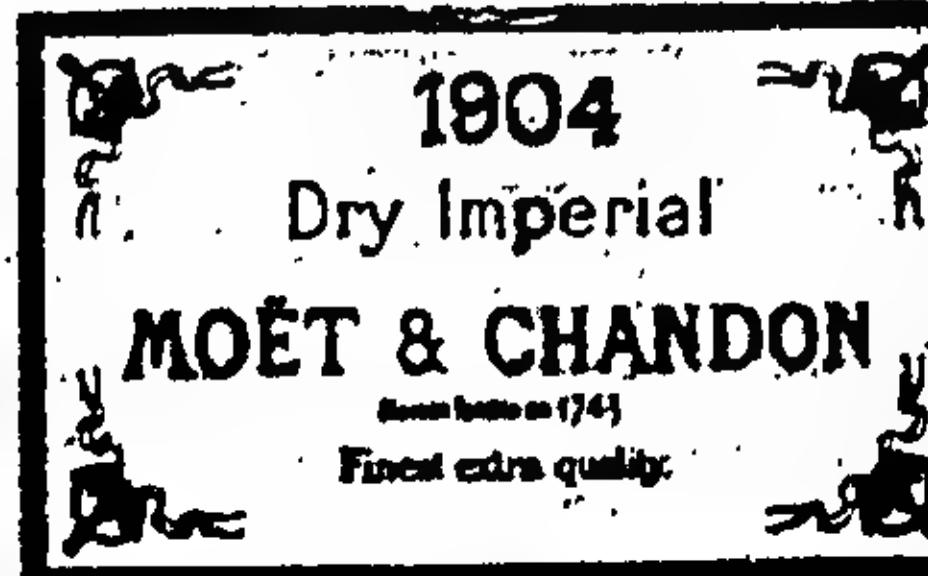
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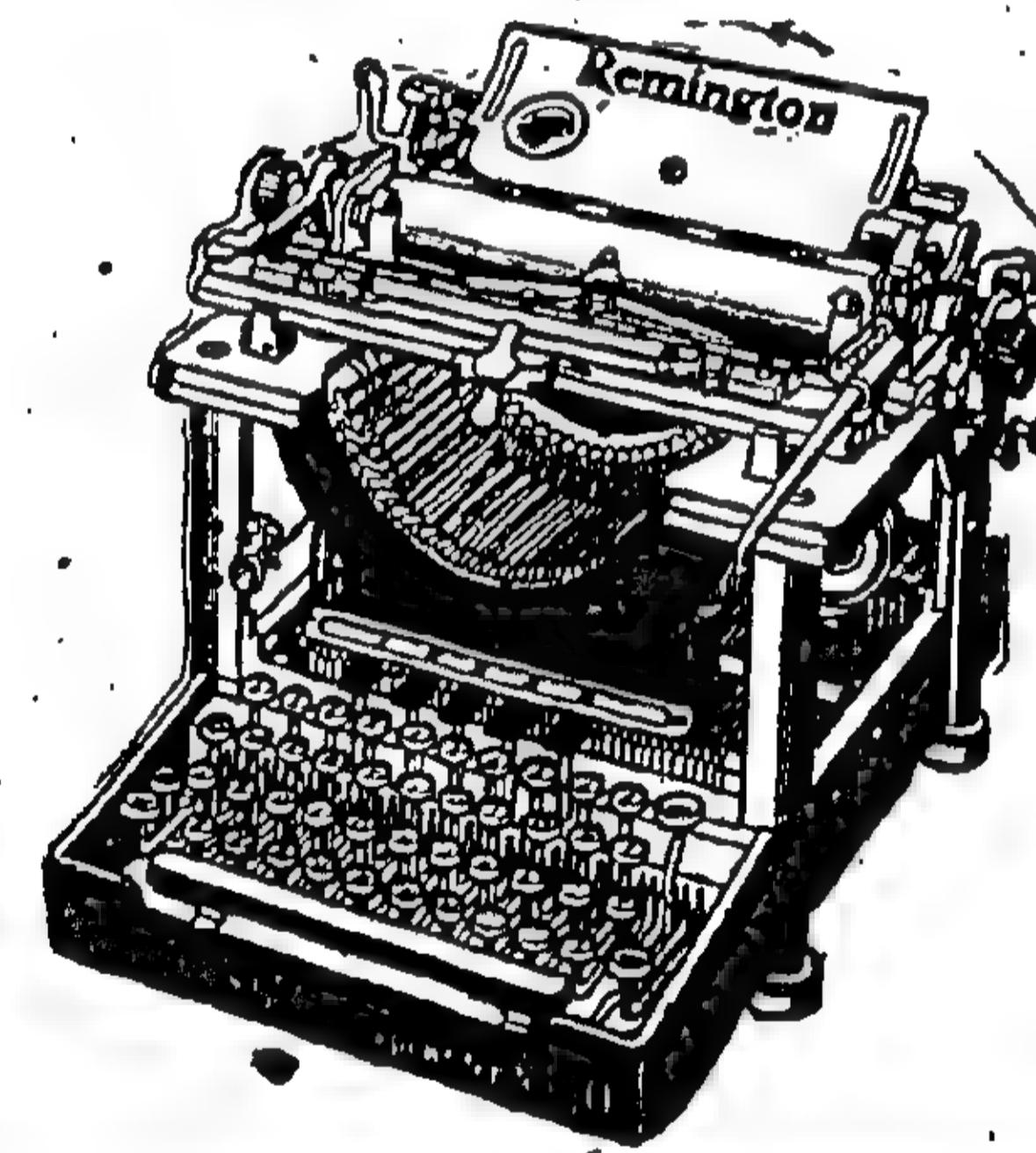
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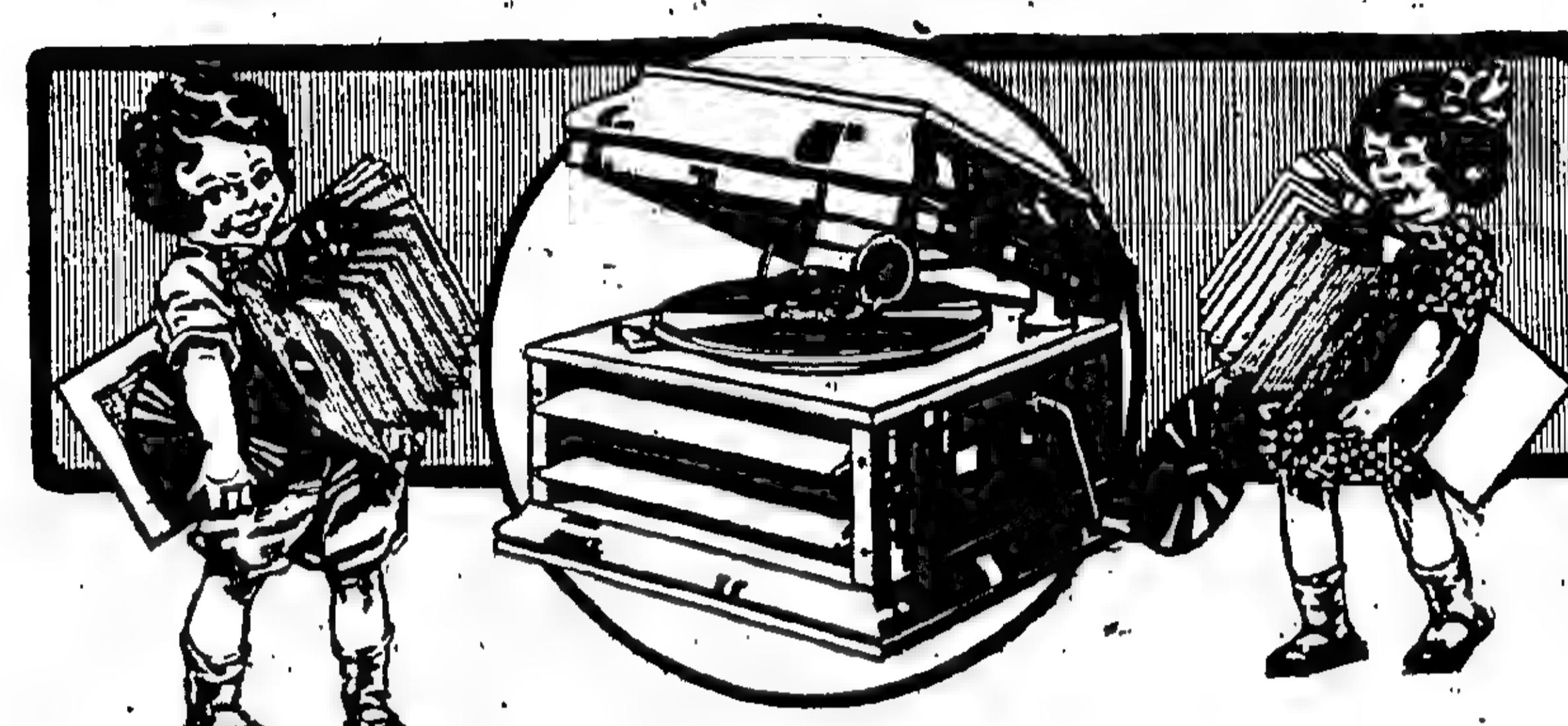
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THE HONGKONG CIGAR STORE.

This popular firm has for years past specialised in making the festive season one in which the public can obtain from its store an untold variety of articles suitable for presents or for personal use, and this year, when most firms are suffering from a handicap in the matter of getting goods out from Home, Messrs. Powell have been especially fortunate in securing a collection of seasonable gifts which should tempt the most reticent buyers. For goods of high quality, Messrs. Powell need no recommendation, for their reputation is quite a sufficient guarantee that what they vend is of the best, and at a price which quality can reasonably ask.

For the Youngsters.

To refer to their bewildering array of children's toys and playthings is to mention only a few of the many articles which will bring delight to all youngsters. The Christmas holiday is, to say the least, a joyful time for the children, and this firm, recognising that fact, caters for the little ones with a completeness unequalled nowhere in the Colony. Topical for boys, is an army of lead soldiers in most gorgeous colours, providing plenty of material for the lads to make their own battle scenes—a task in which they will no doubt show partiality to the forces of the Empire. A much-prized toy by children now-a-days is something mechanical, and the work, fun and instruction a child can get out of Meccano by making his or her own toys is practically unlimited. For girls, there are dolls of all complexion, as well as baby prams, whilst scooters and rocking horses, in the company of other equally attractive articles, will give plenty of scope for varied choice.

For Ladies and Gentlemen.

For ladies' gifts, Messrs. Powell have a reputation all their own, and this year some beautiful furs have been secured. Bionne of the newest styles, neck wear, entourcas, and dainty wear of all descriptions are in stock. These only need inspection to arouse desire for possession. Gentlemen can shop here with perfect confidence at securing those things best suited to their tastes; and among the varying goods awaiting choice are to be found some smart and well-fitted suit cases and dressing cases. In neckwear, some smart colours and designs are being displayed, while fancy waistcoats, socks—both fancy and plain—and a good assortment of general wearing apparel is held at hand. Goods particularly pleasing to the masculine mind can be found for the purpose of present-making, and ladies desirous of making a gift this year should not overlook this store.

Other Features.

In other departments, one finds such a wide range of high class goods that it is difficult to specialise without overlooking some really appealing articles.

In the matter of electro-plate, there are entire dishes, ink stands, cocktail shakers, cruet stands and numerous articles for table use and decorative purposes. French fire-proof china has come into popularity recently, and a good assortment in this line is in stock. The display of table and cut-glass wear, English china tea sets, and the collection of hardware utensils will be found to please all tastes and meet all pockets. The array of silk cushion covers, with cushions, table covers, pretty fire screens, pictures, and a whole host of household requisites should make the task of the present-seeker easy, and, seeing the difficulties of the time, Messrs. Powell must be considered extremely well-favored to have been able to have secured what is undoubtedly an even better selection than has been seen at their establishment for many years.

Plenty of Variety.

The variety of stock carried is another point on which the Company justly prides itself—it can please the taste of everybody. In the matter of prices, too, all classes are catered for. It is at Christmas that most men like a really good smoke, and before making purchases elsewhere, smokers will do well to inspect the many well-known varieties of Havans, Manila and Dutch cigars, as well as the large assortment of Egyptian, Turkish and Virginian cigarettes which this firm has to offer. The whole premises at the moment present quite a bright and cheery Christmas appearance.

There is such an abounding variety in one line or the other that no-one need come away from the store with wants unsatisfied. And the firm's stock possesses the real stamp of good quality. The Hongkong Cigar Store should certainly be borne in mind by those who wish to secure something really worth buying.

DAIRY FARM CO., LTD.

Though the Hongkong Cigar Store is more essentially men's establishment, within the premises will be found innumerable useful and dainty articles especially suitable for gifts at this time of the year. This company, in fact, makes a speciality of the hundred and one little knick-knacks which go to make the home beautiful and attractive. Beside these, there is, of course, an endless collection of all the requisites that the smoker needs, and in whatever line the firm deals its goods have the hall-mark of excellence and high quality. Gifts for the children are also displayed here in wonderful profusion. In fact the Hongkong Cigar Store is a regular Christmas emporium.

Attractive Gifts.

One of the first things which strikes one on entering the premises is the very beautiful collection of cut glass and electroplated and silver ware in very neat and pretty designs. Then there is a charming variety of marble clocks, statuary, pictures, gold and silver watches, and a bewildering variety of fancy articles. Owing to the war, it was not possible last year for the firm to obtain anything like a large stock of English toys, but it has been very fortunate this year in securing a large shipment of toys and Christmas crackers from England, as well as a limited supply of beautiful French dolls. A feature is also being made of strong belts and useful knives for Boy Scouts, at only one dollar each, as well as of dainty tea-sets and dolls' furniture which will be sure to delight the hearts of the girls. The prices here are so reasonable that the firm has already sold out more than half its stock in these lines.

All that Smokers Need.

Among the many tobacconists in the Colony, the Hongkong Cigar Store has established for itself a reputation for the supply of all that is really best. Ladies who hesitate concerning what they shall buy for their husbands and their gentlemen friends should make a point of visiting this store, where they will find a very large assortment not only of cigars, cigarettes and tobacco of the best brands, but a big stock of pipes, cigar and cigarette holders, smokers' cabinets and all other requisites offered by firms in this line of business. One point which deserves special emphasis is that every cigar and cigarette which this firm sells is guaranteed to be fresh and in perfect condition—an assurance which few other firms give to their customers. It is because of its care in this respect that the Company has become increasingly popular among smokers, for to make a purchase here is to be assured of securing the best that money can buy.

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Order Early.

The Company is desirous of reminding its many customers that they should order as early as possible, for the great demands to be made will make it extremely difficult to deliver other orders received at the last moment. Making provision for such a large community is no easy task, and the matter of estimating has to be taken in hand some days ahead; so that those who can do so should make their wants known in good time, to allow of all being supplied. If disappointment is in the lot of any, the fault will certainly lie at their doors, and will not be due to lack of enterprise on the part of the Company.

A. S. WATSON AND CO., LTD.

In matters edible, Britishers are, as a rule, particular, and wherever they have settled the world over, they have generally seen to it that their wants in this direction have been supplied. But here in Hongkong it can safely be said that they are more fortunate than anywhere else outside their own native land, for the Dairy Farm looks after them as if they were in their own country-side. Hongkong residents escape the monotony of a limited selection of food so common in distant lands, and it is with thankfulness that they live in daily touch with such an enterprising firm. At the festive season, the Dairy Farm Company lays itself out to please all by the generous scale on which it caters to seasonable needs, and though our relatives at Home this year are living in contemplation of meatless days and food tickets, we have no such fears of a similar happening here, whilst the Dairy Farm looks after us.

Further Extensions.

Some Special Lines.

In the matter of toilet requisites, utility and good taste have been studied with effect, very attractive manicure sets, hair brushes in leather cases, razors—both long and safety—, strops, and mirrors, abounding. All those little articles which make a well-appointed dressing table are here to be found, and at prices that are reasonable in proportion to the value given. Perfumery has been a special line of Watson's for years, and this year a special assortment has been made that is calculated to please the most particular tastes. Every well-known make of perfume can be obtained. Soaps, toilet and hygienic, cosmetics—so essential in such a changing climate—toilet waters, eye-washers, and every conceivable requisite in this connection will be found to meet all preferences. Watson's 1917 calendar, "Ancient Chinese Greetings," can be better admired than described, and a more acceptable gift or souvenir could scarcely be imagined. It only costs \$2.50 too. The series of view albums known as "China by Land and Water" is especially interesting, and for old China hands who are now with the Army at the front, or who have left China, one of these volumes would be a welcome gift.

For Men.

For the smoker, Messrs. Watsons cater with a carefulness that ensures satisfaction, and it should be noted that all the well-known factories whose brands figure in their latest cigar list are entirely British-owned and controlled. The proper storing and conditioning of cigars has for years been the special care of this firm, which has recently constructed a new, large and improved conditioning and store-room, enabling them to preserve their cigars in mature condition. In the matter of pipes there is a large selection of meerschaum, calabash and briar makes, and cigar and cigarette holders are stocked in profusion.

Wines and Spirits.

One cannot think of Watson's without at the same time bearing in mind their high reputation as wine and spirit merchants, and a walk round their extensive cellar, at once convinces one of the firm's ability to execute almost any order. The stock just now is large and of a high quality. This year, as last, a feature is being made of Christmas cases, composed of a good selection of wines, spirits and ales. Watson's command some of the very best liquor coming into the Colony, while their own well-known brands of brandy, and whisky, are advertised in prominent

LANE, CRAWFORD AND CO., LTD.

For very many years now, the Hongkong public has known Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. as a business establishment which takes a lot of beating for enterprise and consideration of local needs. Especially is the firm known at Christmas for its consultation of seasonable tastes. Of course, during this time of stress, it will be understood that goods from Home are very difficult to secure, but, by dint of strenuous endeavour and wise foresight, Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co. have succeeded in obtaining consignments for the coming season which very nearly compare with those stocked in normal times. The store to-day bears an air of Christmastic, and is crammed from top to bottom with really good things. Every department is teeming with a fine selection of articles, with which is coupled what perhaps most commands itself to the buyer—variety. Already a very big trade is being done, but the supply equals the demand in all respects in every department.

For the Children.

This old-established firm has had the reputation for years on end of being among the biggest sports goods and toy providers in the Colony, and this year they have not fallen short, in spite of the tremendous difficulties which beset traders in the East in this time of war. In the toy department will be found a wonderful selection of things to gladden the hearts of the little ones. There is everything conceivable, from Teddy Bears and "I say" elephants to the well-known Meccano toys (so much favoured by boys mechanically inclined) and tools of all trades. The girls are well catered for in the way of dolls. Though the consignment is not so large as in previous years, it is not lacking in variety, and there are some really exceptional bargains doing in this line.

Presents for All.

As Christmas is the time of presents, the firm has laid in stock a really beautiful lot of electro-plate and silver ware which can not fail to please, whilst in the sports department will be found a magnificent selection of golf sets, tennis rackets, caddy bags, and a host of other requisites. Then there are the roulette, golf, and race table games, not for children, as may be imagined, but games of skill for adults who delight in a mild gamble during the winter evenings. In men's wear, the new consignment of khaki vests, ties, and puttees which have arrived should appeal to Volunteers, and in this department also anything from a 75-cent walking case to a \$200 travelling case, with a bewildering array of necessary articles for the toilet, can be supplied. The goods in the ladies' department are so numerous and of such fine quality that one can spend hours here in viewing them, and if gentlemen are in doubt as to what to give their lady friends this season, they should take a stroll round here and all hesitation will be removed.

For the Table.

Tom Smith's crackers are again to the fore in the grocery department, and here also are the very best seasonable delicacies. There are the good old plum puddings, Christmas cakes, mincemeat and many other toothsome dainties without which Christmas would indeed be a dull time. Of the wine and spirit department, much could be said. Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Company have always specialised in this line, and it is sufficient to say that the best brands are to be had here at exceedingly low figures. The whole Christmas display is really to the mark, which is to be expected in a business

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2 Bots. Claret, St. Estephe.	3 Bots. Claret, St. Estephe.
1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry.	1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "U" Quality.
2 Bots. Gin.	1 Bot. Port, Superior Light Invalid.
1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.	1 Bot. Superior Old Liqueur Cognac.
1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.	1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "U" Quality.
1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.	1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.	1 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

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2 Bots. St. Marceaux Champagne.
1 Bot. Sherry, Superior Pale Dry "D" Quality.
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1 Bot. Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky "E" Quality.
1 Bot. Dewar's Scotch Whisky.
3 Bots. Claret, St. Estephe.
14 Bot. Creme de Menthe.

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THE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS' GUIDE.

THE WING ON Co.

The Wing On Company ranks among the foremost firms of universal providers in the Colony, and, like other stores which have made special provision for Christmas, it has a splendid stock of choice goods. This Company is about to extend its premises, taking in the old building formerly occupied by the Sincere Company. These premises, in addition to the ones already occupied by the Wing On Company, will afford much additional accommodation and will give greater facilities for the carrying on of this fast growing business. The newly-acquired buildings and the existing premises will be fitted up in the most modern style and the increase in staff which will be made will assure customers of efficient and obliging service. These big department stores are becoming quite a feature of Hongkong business life, and it is a tribute to the organising ability of the Chinese, and to their readiness to move with the times, that such stores are run on thoroughly modern and up-to-date lines. A good knowledge of local wants, plus quick service and a care to see that the smallest need is met, have contributed very materially to the popularity of these emporiums. Then there is the question of buying. Companies such as Wing On make their purchases in extremely large quantities, and the result is that prices are kept as low as they possibly can be, consistent with good quality.

Christmas Stock.

The Company has made special efforts this Christmas to provide their patrons with what they need at the least trouble and expense, and a recent visit paid to the store showed that no pains had been spared to make it a place where its own anywhere. The large

all that is needed can be bought at an exceedingly low figure. The Wing On Company has not been behind other emporiums in securing a large stock of toys, and it has probably one of the finest selections in the Colony of British and American playthings for the younger, to say nothing of Japanese articles. Novelty is the "foreword", and this, coupled with exceptionally low prices, will mean that all wants can be satisfied. In candies, there is a large stock of every conceivable kind, and of the daintiest sorts, while in the grocery department a large and delectable variety of the most fashionable footwear is also to be had at a figure which is really astounding. In short, the Wing On Company has set itself out to cater for all tastes, Anything that is required, from the smallest household necessity to the most elaborate presents, can be obtained at absolutely rockbottom prices.

THE SINCERE COMPANY.

One of the first places which one thinks of in considering the pleasures of Christmas shopping is the very fine establishment controlled by the Sincere Company. This splendidly-organised concern is, as is well known, the pioneer in Hongkong of the fixed price cash-business store, and, by reason of its extensive ramifications and its modern management, it is able to cater to public requirements on the cheapest possible basis consistent with the supply of approved and reliable goods. Everybody knows the magnificent block of buildings which Sincere's occupy, and all are acquainted with the astounding variety of articles stocked in this great emporium. Shopping at this justly popular house is a real pleasure, and there is scarcely a want that cannot be met here.

Some Advantages.
The fact that the Company has been so long in existence inevitably means that it has a full conception of public needs. One big advantage which Sincere's possess is the up-to-date character of the premises occupied. The business has been growing to such an extent in recent years that it was found absolutely impossible to rub along in the old building in which it was formerly established, and, by scouring the present block, the Company has been able to hold bigger stocks and to display its goods much more effectively than was formerly the case. With Sincere's it is no question of adapting to current requirements old premises which lack modern conveniences—the existing building has been designed with the one idea of making the shopper's task an easy one. With its numerous departments, its electric lifts from floor to floor, and its pretty roof garden, one might almost imagine one's self in a miniature Selfridge's. And over and beyond all this is the fact that there is no waste of time when one goes shopping here. Advice is freely given to customers, and one can always count on quick and courteous attention at all times.

A Wide Choice.
Since last Christmas, Sincere's have thoroughly settled down into their new premises, and this year they are making special efforts to aid the public in the task of purchasing reasonable gifts. The store is crammed from top to bottom with every conceivable article. The business is so well organised, to, under the department system, that one's requirements are quickly seen to. Quite a feature is being made in the jewellery section. In diamonds, pearls and jade stones, there are some extremely good pieces during the Christmas season.

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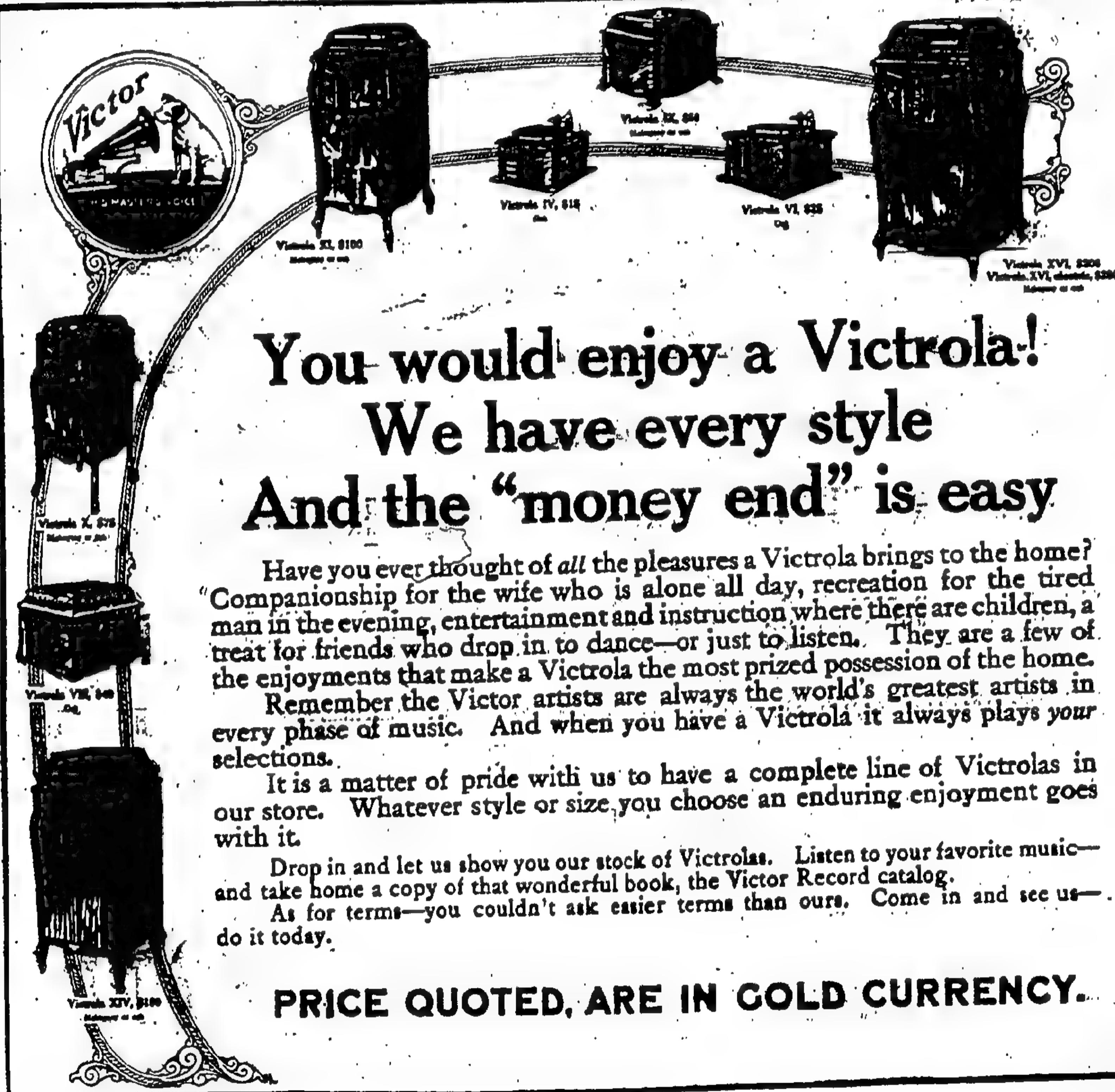
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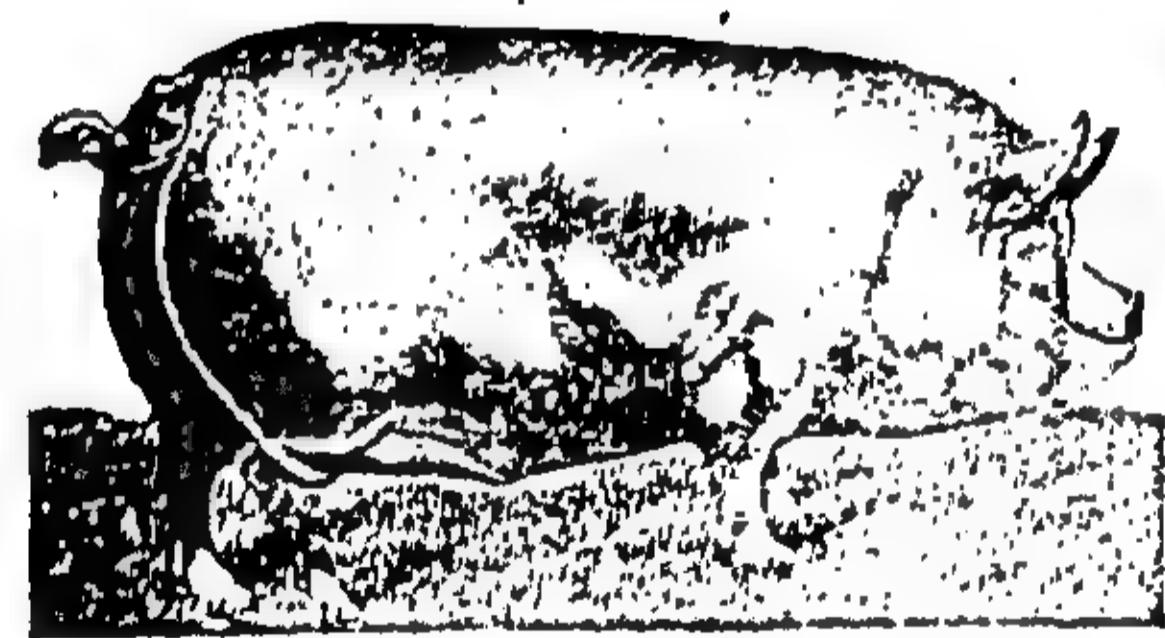
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34 by 4½-inch tyres, non-skid. Spring-cushion upholstered, Cantilever rear springs. (one extra rim).

The fenders are long and sweeping in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces, and the running boards are clean and free from obstructions. The sloping wind-shield is built in, and conforms to the curve of the cowl, making it a part of the car itself rather than a mere attachment. It is a beautiful car.

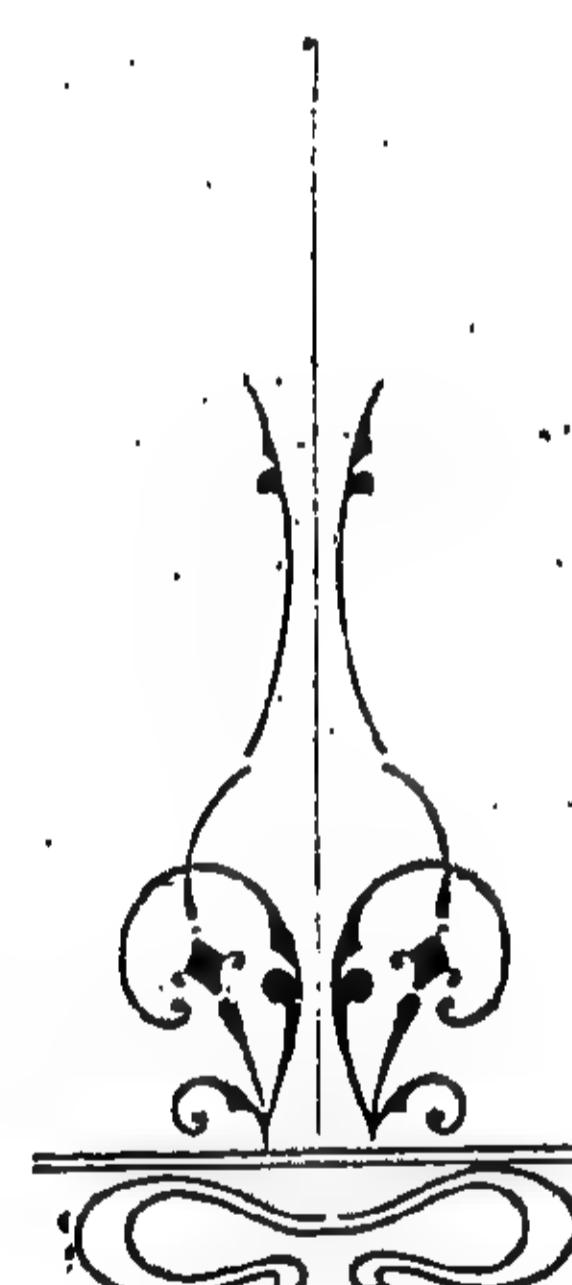
WILLYS-KNIGHT MODEL 88-FOUR SEVEN PASSENGER TOURING CAR.

Long-stroke en bloc engine. Electric starting and lighting. High-tension magnet ignition. Right or left drive, centre control. 31 by 4-inch or 765 x 105 mm. tyres, non-skid in rear.

Demountable rims (one extra) Finish: Light grey, with black mudguards and trimmings. Cantilever rear springs.

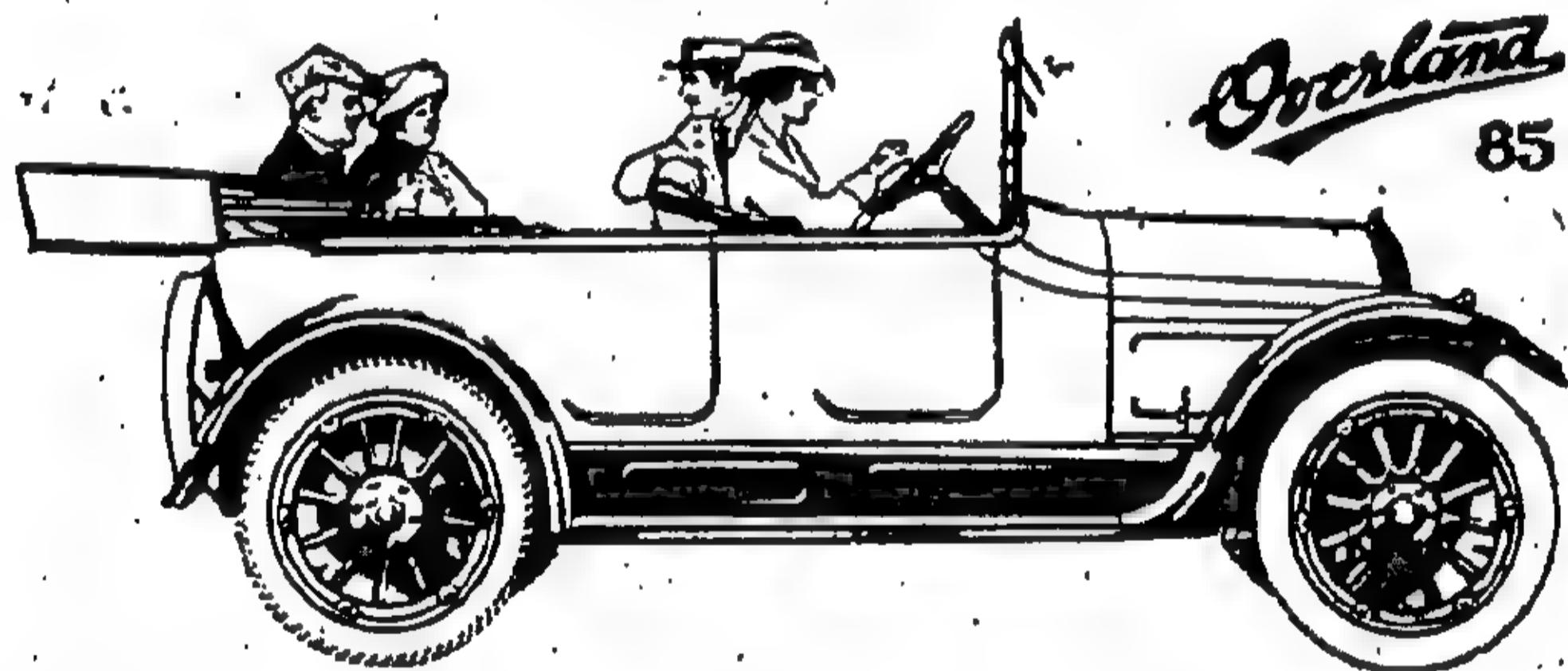
FIVE-SEATER TOURING CAR—OVERLAND NEW SERIES MODEL 75B.

In appearance, as in all other respects, the Model 75B Touring Car is all that you would demand, or expect, in a much higher-edge of the radiator is rounded; the bonnet slopes gradually into the beautifully curved cowl—even the back of the car is gracefully rounded out. There are no projecting door hinges or handles; no obstructions on the running boards; nothing about the whole car to mar the clean smoothness of its lines. The mudguards are long and sweeping in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces; the built-in wind-screen is a part of the car itself rather than a mere attachment. In every respect it is a car which you will be proud to own and drive.



Powerful block type engine. Vacuum petrol system, 112-inch (2.85 m.) wheelbase. Electric starting and lighting. 32 x 4-inch or 815 x 105 mm. tyres, non-skid rear. Demountable rims (one extra) Cantilever rear springs.

OVERLAND MODEL 85-FIVE-SEATER TOURING CAR.



This long, low streamline body is unmarred by angles or projections. From the rounded edge of the radiator to the full curved back, there is not a break in the lines. The doors are flush, with hinges concealed with handles inside. The mudguards are long and sweeping in their curves, with gracefully rounded surfaces.

The wind-screen is built in, and conforms to the curve of the cowl—a part of the car itself, not an apparent after thought.

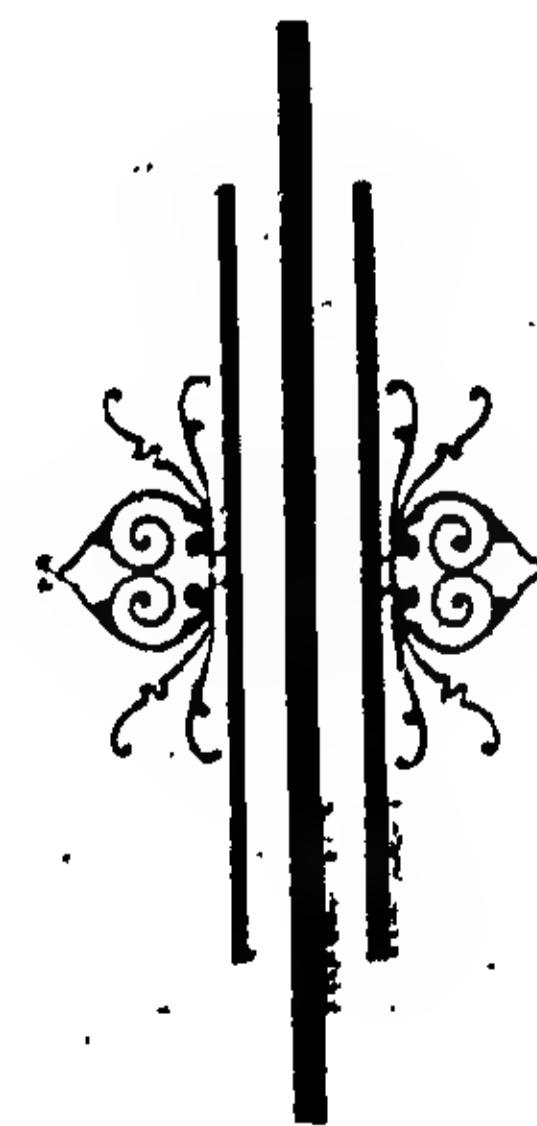
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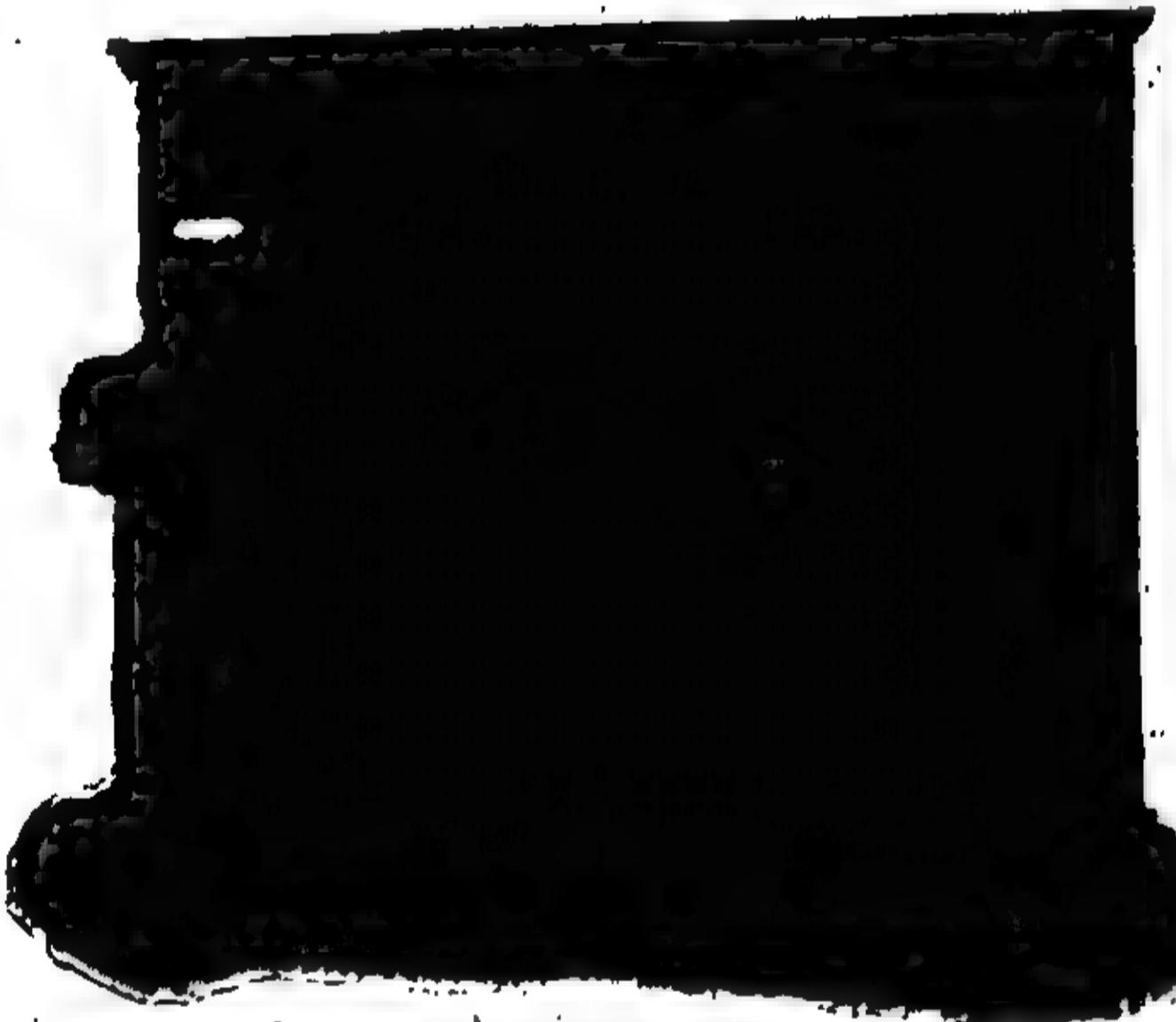


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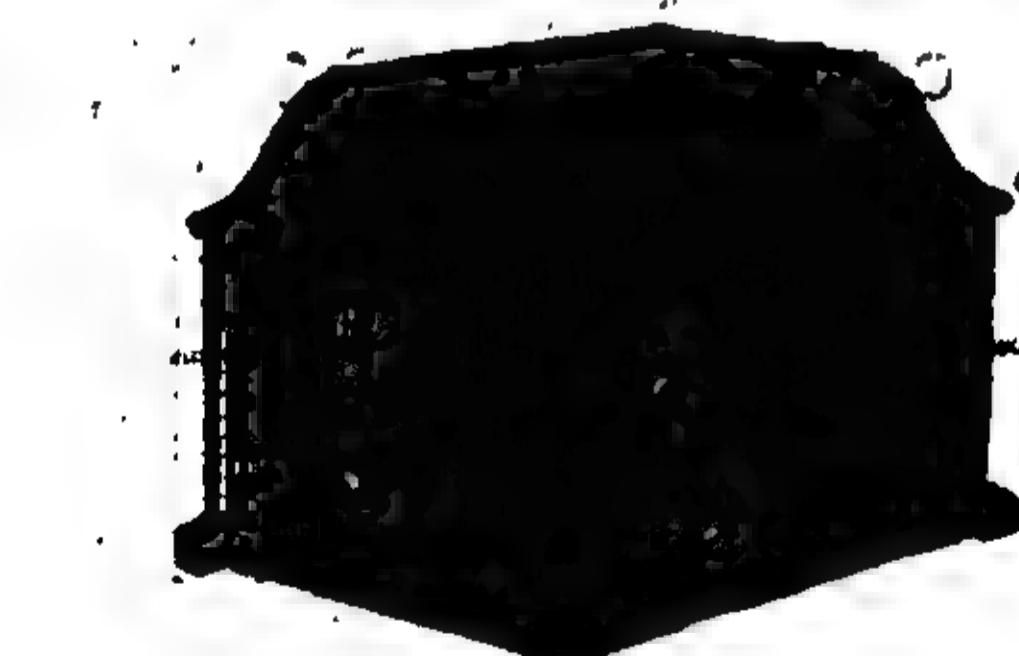
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1 bot. Port.
1 small bot. Bitters. (Orange.)
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1 pt. D.O.M. or Peppermint.
2 qts. Medoc, Sup.
1 qt. XXX Brandy.

For \$30.

1 qt. Louis Roederer's.
1 bot. Cin
1 bot. Sherry.
2 qts. Claret.
1 Burgundy.
2 bots. Whisky.
1 bot. XXXX Brandy.
1 pt. D.O.M.
1 small bot. Bitters (Orange).

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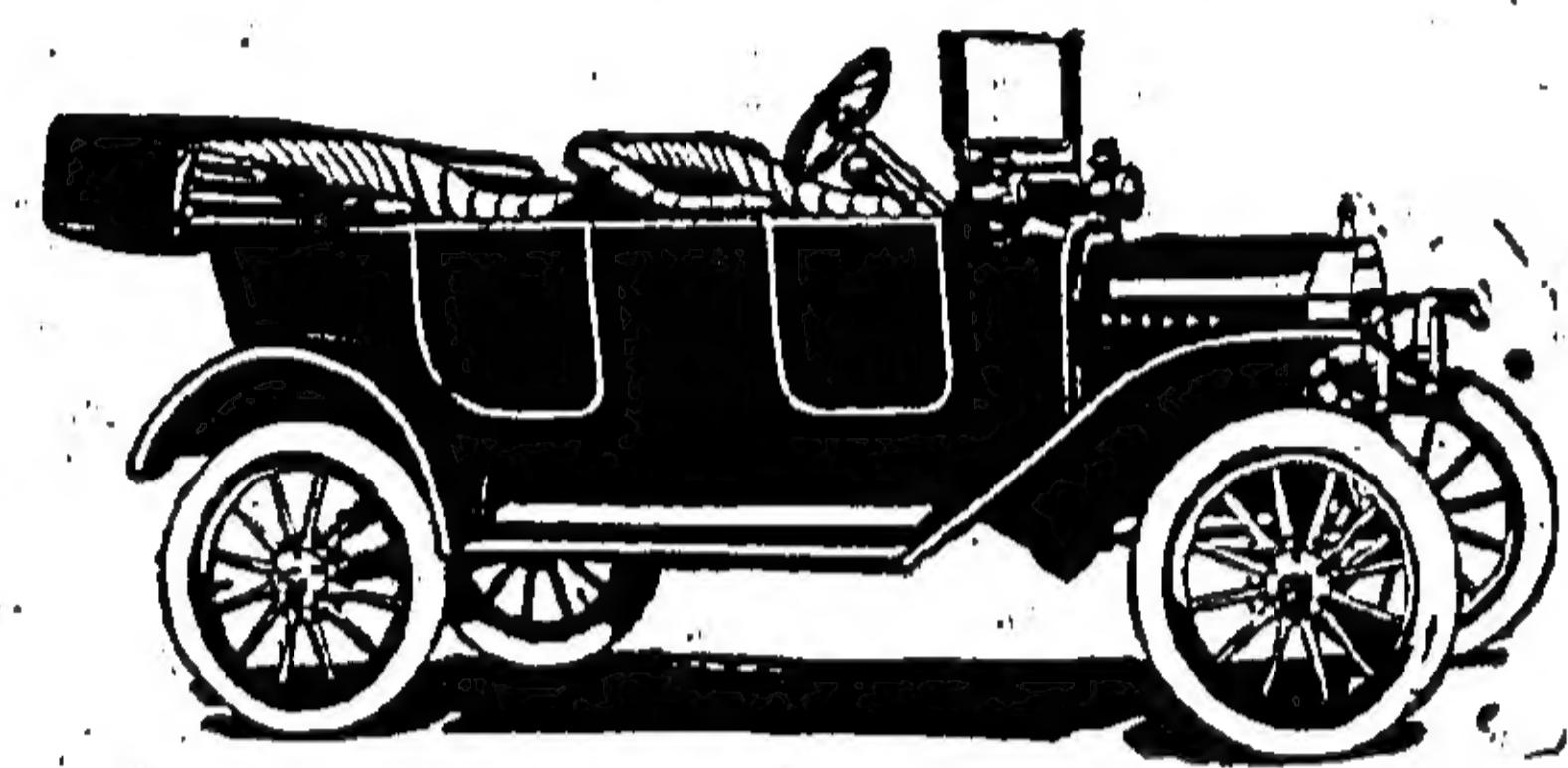
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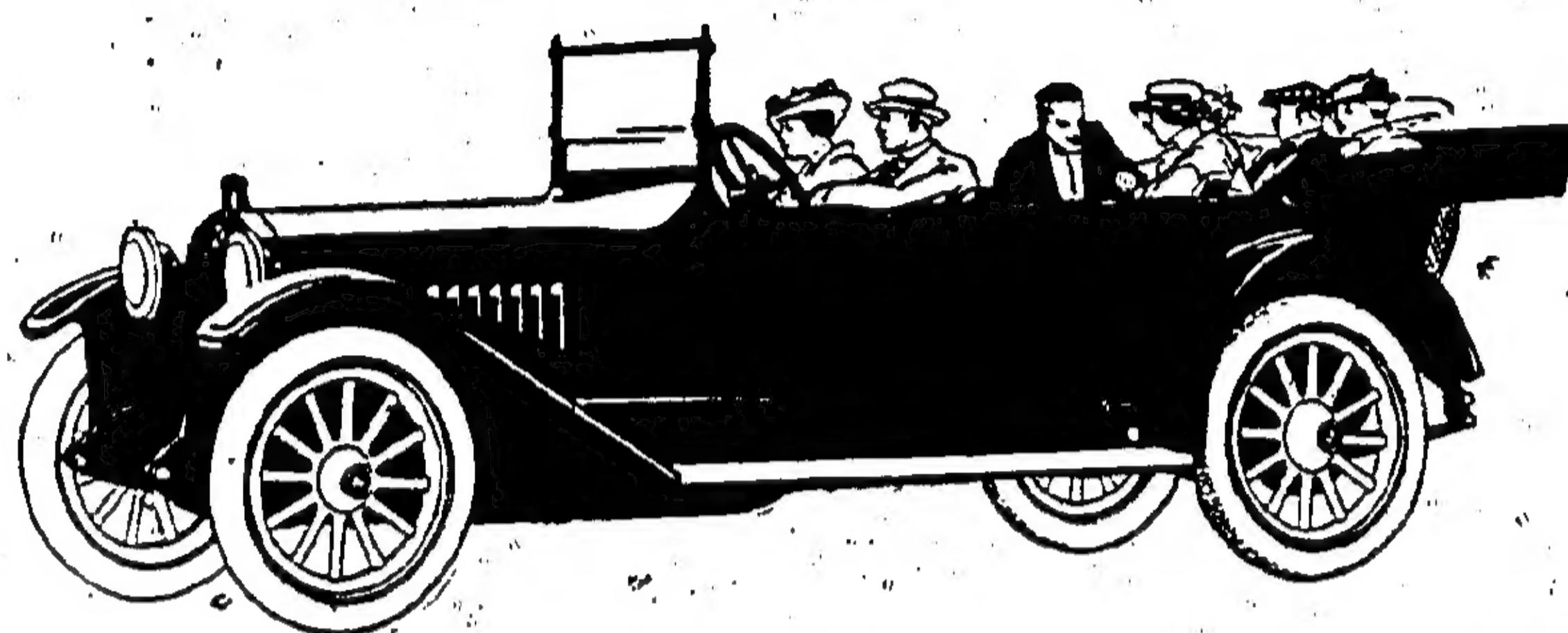
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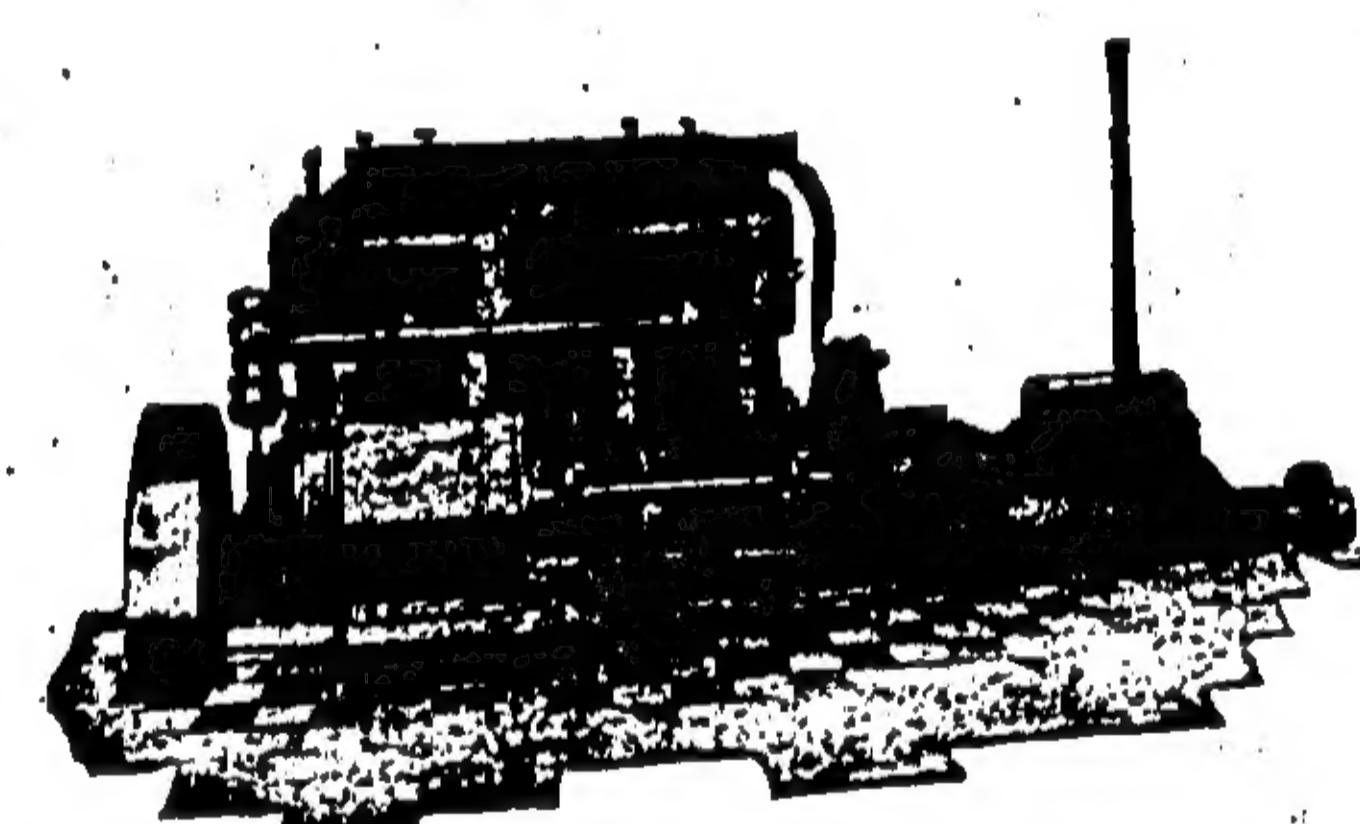
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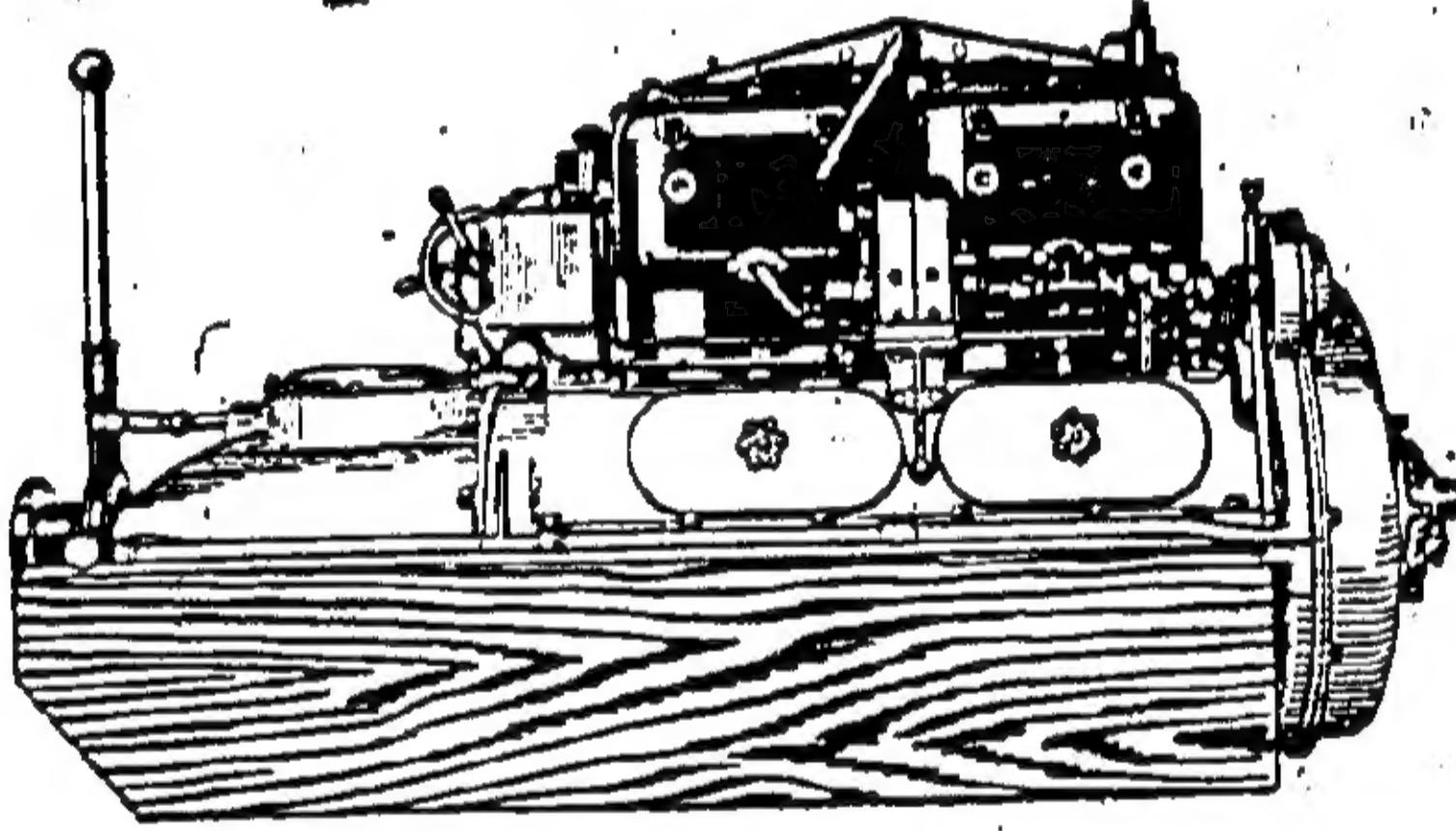
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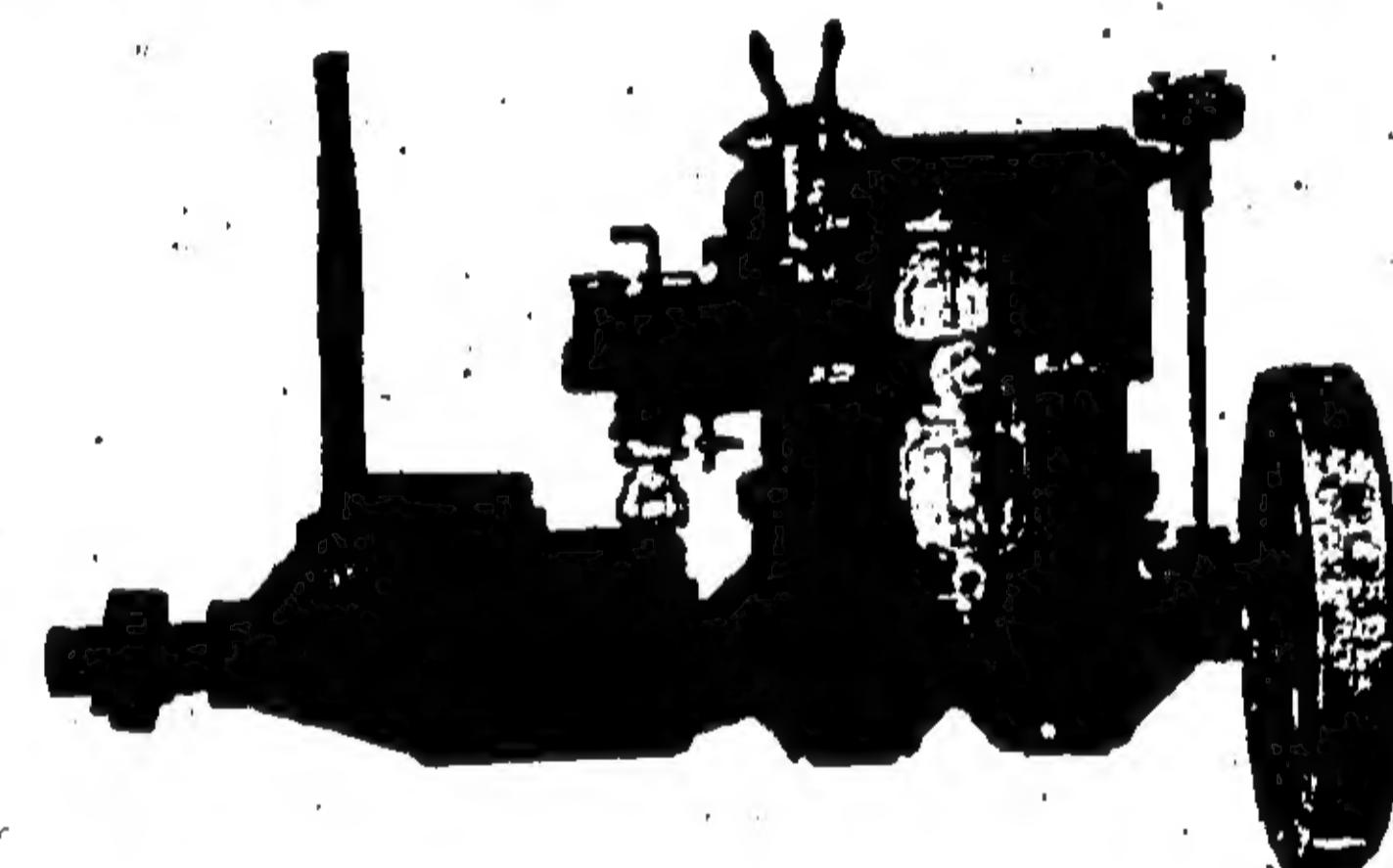
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SHARE REPORT.

COMPARATIVE SHARE QUOTATIONS.

S.—SELLERS; B.—SALES; R.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

Today's Closing Prices	STOCK.	Number of Shares	Value Paid Up	1915.	1915.	1916.	1916.	Last Dividend and Date
Banks.								
n. 8730	H.K. & S'hai Banking Corp.	120,000	\$125 all	845 Sept.	785 May	820	725	Int. div. of £2/3/- at ex 2/14, subject to Income Tax for 14 year ending 30/6/16 paid 14/8/16.
n. 1400	Marine Insurances.							Final of 5/- making 125.2/- for 1914, and interim of 18/- ad 1915.
n. 1152	Canton Ins. Office, Ld.	10,000	\$250 50	427 Sept.	340 Jan.	426	390	Final Div. of 15/- making 27 1/2% for year ending 30/6/16.
n. 8925	North China Ins. Co. Ld.	10,000	£15 50	180 April	145 Jan.	180	152	Final of 8/- making 10/- for 1914 and 10/- for 1915.
n. ex738255	Union Ins. S'ty of C'ton, Ld.	12,400	\$250 100	272 Aug.	760 Jan.	\$1,605	\$880	Final of 8/- making 10/- for 1914 and 10/- for 1915.
n. 8755	Yangtze Ins. Assoc. Ld.	12,000	\$100 50	280 Dec.	200 Jan.	300	240	Final of 15/- making 18/- for 1914 & Int. of 6/- for 1915.
n. 875	Fire Insurances.							Land shares still remain very dull, and business has been done as low as 98/-.
n. 875	China Fire Ins. Co. Ld.	20,000	\$100 20	163 Aug.	127 April	168	152	Buyers are not offering more than 95/-, but there are no shares coming out at this rate.
n. 875	H'kong Fire Ins. Co. Ld.	8,000	\$250 50	420 Sept.	385 Jan.	420	357	Hongkong Hotels have been neglected, and shares are offering at \$114.
Shipping.								
b. 8120	Douglas Steamship Co. Ld.	20,000	\$50 all	104 Dec.	281 Mar.	137	106	Div. \$1, Bonus \$8, making in all \$14, for year ending 30/6/16 paid 25/9/16.
n. 8214	H'kong, C. & M.S.S. Co. Ld.	80,000	\$15 all	271 May	19 Dec.	24	171	\$100 for year ending 31.12.15.
sa. & s. 8142	Indo-China (Combined Steam Navigation Co. Ld.)	{ 60,000 25	{ all	172 Dec.	621 Jan.	190	171	Int. Div. 3/- on Pref. & 10/- on Def. shares, for 1/2 year ending 30/6/16, at exch. 2/14 paid 11/8/16.
b. 846	Deferred Preferred	{ 60,000 25	{ all	117 Dec.	80 Dec.	142	110	Electrics are quiet at \$53. Peak Trams have been done at \$10 and more shares could be obtained at this rate. Low Level Trams are easier and can be obtained at 87 after sales. Watsons are wanted at \$6.75, and Ropes at \$34.
n. 1044	Shell T'port & T'ing Co. Ld.	3,797,610	£1 all	94/6 June	75/ Jan.	112/6	86/6	Final of 5/- (Coupon 25) making in all 7/- for year 1915 \$1.65 Div. and 45 cents bonus for year ending 30.4.16.
sa. & s. 828	Star Ferry Company, Ld.	40,000	\$10 all	93/2 Oct.	23 July	41	35	Proprietors of the Branches of that Institution in Cale and South America, namely—
b. 8131	China S. Refining Co. Ld.	20,000	\$100 all	134 Sept.	80 Jan.	146	100	BAHIA BUENOS AIRES HAVANA MONTEVIDEO RIO DE JANEIRO RIO DE CUBA SANTO DOMINGO VALPARAISO
b. 8373	Malabon S. Refining Co. Ld.	14,000	P.80 all	—	—	40	80 1/2	Through its close affiliation with the National Bank of New York, the Bank is able to offer the services of the Branches of that Institution in Cale and South America, namely—
Mining.								
n. 36/	Kailan Mining Admin'ion.	1,000,000	£1 all	35/ April	30/ Dec.	36/9	26/-	Interim Div. of 1/- nett a/c 30.6.16. (Coupon No 7.)
b. 8255	Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ld.	200,000	£1 all	4.40 Mar.	2.40 Jan.	3.35	1.70	1/2 for 1909
n. 30/	Tronoh Mines Ltd.	160,000	£1 all	25/ Dec.	32/6 Mar.	42/6	28/6	1/- interim making 3/- for a/c 1916 paid 26/10/16
n. 32/9	Ural Caspians	796,666	£1 all	43/ April	25/ Jan.	38/9	31/-	Final of 4/- mining 5/- for a/c year ending 12/11/15 paid July 1916
sa. 1854	Docks Wharves, Godowns, &c.							SOLE PROPRIETORS OF TAKASIMA, OGHI, MUTABE, KISHIDAKE, YOSHINOTANI, HOJO, MARAZUTA, SAYO, KARADA, SHIRINE, KAMIYAMA, BIRAI and OYUWARA.
b. 8131	H.K. & W. D. Co. Ld.	60,000	\$50 all	82 Oct.	65 April	85 1/2	71	Collaboration.
b. & ss. t. 90	Sh'hai Dock & Eng. Co. Ld.	55,700	t.100 all	63 1/2 Sept.	49 July	92 1/2	59	Agent for SANTO GOAL.
n. t. 82	Sh'hai & H'k'ew W. Co. Ld.	36,000	t.100 all	100 Dec.	80 April	93	81	For Particulars, apply to—
Lands, Hotels and Buildings.								
n. 8115	H'kong Hotel Co. Ld.	20,000	\$50 all	124 Feb.	108 Dec.	118	107	H. K. & W. D. Co. Ld.
n. 497	H'kong Land Investment Co.	50,000	\$100 all	114 Jan.	103 1/2 Dec.	105 1/2	97	Int. div. of \$3/- for 1/2 year ending 30/6/16, paid 26/7/16.
b. 8680	H'k'ways Estate & F. Co. Ld.	150,000	\$10 all	73/ Jan.	6 July	7.10	6.40	35 cents for year 1915
s. 835	K'loon Land & B'ing Co. Ld.	6,000	\$50 80	44 Jan.	40 Sept.	38	35	53% for 1915
n. 1.91	Shanghai Lands	78,000	t.50 all	87 Mar.	107 Dec.	107	50	Int. Div. of 6% for 1/2 year ending 30/6/16, paid 27/7/16.
s. 885	West Point Building Co. Ld.	12,000	\$50 all	68 1/2 Mar.	77 Dec.	90	77	Int. div. of \$2 for 1/2 year ending 30/6/16 paid 21/7/16.
s. 8101	H'kong Central Estates	10,000	\$100 all	103 Dec.	99 Jan.	103	87	\$7.00 for year ending 31.12.15
b. t. 1857	Cotton Mills.							Cable Address—“IWASAKI,” Codes: Al, A.B.C. 5th Ed., Western Union, and Bentley's.
b. t. 15	Ewo Cotton S. & W. Co. Ld.	20,000	t.50 all	180 July	117 Jan.	167	130	AGENCIES:—CHINKIANG—Messrs. GEARING & Co., MANILA—Messrs. MACDONRAY & Co., SINGAPORE—Messrs. BORNEO Co. LTD., GLASGOW—Messrs. A. R. BROWN, MCFARLANE & Co. LTD.
n. t. 80	Gung Yik	75,000	t.10 all	161 July	11 1/2 Feb.	161	114	For Particulars, apply to—
b. & ss. t. 126	Laou Kung Mow	8,000	t.100 all	90 1/2 Sept.	72 Jan.	81	63	K. KATO, Manager, Hongkong No. 2, Pedder Street.
n. 8101	Shanghai Cottions	40,000	t.50 all	100 May	77 Jan.	125	81	For Particulars, apply to—
n. t. 6	Yangtzezeop.	175,000	t.5 all	61	34	61	43/4	K. KATO, Manager, Hongkong No. 2, Pedder Street.
Miscellaneous.								
n. 884	China Borneo Company, Ld.	60,000	\$1/- all	11 1/2 Apr.	9 1/2 May	10.35	8.00	T. K. KATO, Manager, Hongkong No. 2, Pedder Street.
b. 8475	China Light Power Co. Ld.	60,000	\$5 all	3.65 Mar.	4.95 Oct.	4.90	4.30	For Particulars, apply to—
Do. (Spec. shares)	50,000	\$1 all	—	—	—	—	For Particulars, apply to—	
b. 885	China Prov't. L. & M. Co. Ld.	125,000	\$10 all	74 Jan.	10.15 Oct.	10.10	8.40	H. K. & W. D. Co. Ld.
b. 855	Dairy Farm Company, Ld.	60,000	75 all	35 Jan.	29 Dec.	41	25 1/2	70 cts, for 1915
n. 8117	Green Island Cement Co. Ld.	400,000	\$10 all	11.20 Oct.	5.20 Jan.	12.10	8.65	73 for 1915
n. 855	Hongkong Electric Co. Ld.	60,000	\$10 all	45 Oct.	36 1/2 Feb.	55	43	82.25 for 1915
n. 8160	Hongkong Ice Co. Ld.	6,000	\$25 all	190 Dec.	183 Oct.	190	158	Int. Div. of \$2 for 1/2 year ending 30/6/16, paid 22/8/16
n. 884	Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co. Ld.	60,000	\$10 all	34 Dec.	25 Jan.	41	30	Int. Div. of \$1 for 1/2 year ending 30/6/16, paid 23/8/16
s. 8760	Hongkong Tramway Co. Ld.	325,000	5/- all	6 Oct.	5 Apr.	7.50	5 1/2	7/ 8 for 1915
b. 8121	Langkate	250,000	t.10 all	43 1/2 May	35 Mar.	40 1/2	20	70 cts, for 1915
n. 810	Peak Tramway Co. Ld. (Old)	25,000	\$10 all	10 1/2 Mar.	9.30 June	10.25	8 1/2	70 cts, on fully paid shares and 7 cts. on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30.4.16
n. t. 81	Do. (New)	60,000	\$10 all	1.00 Mar.	80 cts. Aug.	1.00	60 cts.	81.00 per share for year ending 31.3.16
b. 831	Steam Laundry Co. Ld.	20,000	\$5 all	4.25 Jan.	3 June	3.80	3 1/2	70 cts, on old shares and 25 cts. on new shares for year ending 30.6.14
n. 8170	Union Water-boat Co. Ld.	27,723	\$10 all	18 Jan.	16 Dec.	17	14	70 cts, for 1915
b. 8689	Watson and Co. Ld.	90,000	\$10 all	7.10 Mar.	6.50 Oct.	7.70	6	50 cts, on old shares and 25 cts. on new shares for year ending 30.6.14
b. 8635	William Powell, Limited	91,000	\$7 all	6.90 Aug.	6 Dec.	7 1/2	5 1/2	82 for 1915
n. 829	S. C. Morning Post	6,000	\$25 all	28	28	29	28	82 for 1915
n. 891	H'kong Steel Foundry Co. Ld.	7,808	\$10 all	10	9 1/2	10	9 1/2	82 for 1915

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ANY SUBSEQUENT ALTERATIONS WILL BE FOUND IN "UP TO THE MINUTE SHARE MARKET NEWS." THE TELEGRAPH DOES NOT HOLD ITSELF RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE QUOTATIONS.

SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin and Potts, in their share report, dated December 15, state:—
 Our local market since our last report, dated 8th December, has remained active, and a good business has been done in speculative stocks. Deferred Indos have changed hands as high as \$149 for March, and the cash rate has advanced to \$142. Sugars have once again come into demand, and close strong, whilst Docks have improved to a buying quotation of \$131. Investment stocks still remain neglected, and with the further rise in exchange, shares can be obtained at under quoted rates. The position in Shanghai is improving, and the general tone of the market there is good. Business has been done in Shanghai Cottons and Rubbers at improved rates; Shanghai Cottons have found buyers at Tls. 120 cash, and sales are reported as high as Tls. 130 for March delivery. There are buyers of Ewos at Tls. 167, and Kungkius have changed hands at Tls. 16. The Singapore share market remains about the same

NOTICES.

Westminster "Specials."

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\$1.40
for
50.

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for
50.

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THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **MONDAY, the 18th December, 1916.** commencing at 11 a.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street, 35 drums, Anti-Fouling Composition, (Th. Hoo) 15 d.ums, Anti-Corrosive Composition (Th. Hoo), 8 cases Boot-topping Paint, (Th. Hoo), 14 cases Grey Paint, (Th. Hoo), 13 cases Copper Paint, (Th. Hoo). Terms—Cash on delivery. GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on **FRIDAY, the 22nd December, 1916.** commencing at 2.30 p.m. at his Sales Rooms, Duddell Street,

A Large Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture (removed to Sales Rooms for convenience of Sale) Comprising:-

Teak hatstand, tapestry covered couch and chairs, teak music cabinet, writing table, carpets, lace curtains, oil paintings, engravings, etc. etc.

Finely carved blackwood desk, jardiniere stool, trespays, tables etc.

Teak extension dining table and chairs, teak sideboard with bevelled mirrors, teak dinner and dessert services, electro-plate glassware, etc. etc.

Dublin brass mounted iron bedstead, teak wardrobes, with mirrors, teak dressing tables, marble top washstands, chest of drawers, iron cots, Shan, hai, baths, etc. etc.

Also

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Ships in communication with Cape D'Aguilar Radio Telegraph Station:-

MAILS DUE.

Shanghai—Per AMAZONE, 18th Dec. Europe (via Nagasaki)—Per JAPAN, 21st Dec.

REGISTERED AND PARCEL MAILED close 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated.

MAILS CLOSE TO-DAY.

Philippines Is.—Per LCONGSANG, 16th Dec., 2 p.m. Straits—Per GENERAL WERGELAND, 16th Dec., 3 p.m. Shanghai & N. China—Per YING CHOW, 18th Dec., 5 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Formosa via Kei-ung & Japan via Yekohama—Per ANNA MAKU, 17th 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, Formosa via Tamsui and Kei-ung—Per KALIO M., 17th Dec., 9 a.m. Swatow—Per KANCHOW, 17th Dec., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 18th December.

Salon—Per HAUBOTO, 18th Dec., 8 a.m. Haiphong—Per KWANGHE, 18th Dec., 11 a.m.

Haiphong, Tura, Siam, Straits, Borneo, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt & Europe—Per AMAZONE, 18th Dec., Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

Saigon—Per MANAPOURI, 18th Dec., 3 p.m.

TUESDAY, 19th December.

Hong—Per HUICHOW, 19th Dec., 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per HAIHONG, 19th Dec., 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per KUEICHOW, 19th Dec., 10 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Moi, Victoria B.C., Seattle—Per TAMBA MARU, 19th Dec., Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central & South America via San Francisco & United Kingdom via Canada—Per TENG YO M., 19th Dec., Registration 10.15 a.m. Letters 11 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, (Europe via Siberia) via KIUKIANG, 19th Dec., Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central & South America via San Francisco & United Kingdom via Canada—Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec., Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, Vancouver, United States, Central & South America & United Kingdom via Canada, (Europe via Siberia) via KIUKIANG, 28th Dec., Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai Ch. P. O. Saturday, 28th Dec.

Philippines Is.—Per TAMING, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 20th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Fochow via Takao & Anping—Per BOSHU MARU, 20th Dec., 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, 21st December.

Shanghai & N. China, (Europe via Siberia) via SIN KIANG, 21st Dec., Registration 2.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.

Shanghai Ch. P. O. Monday, 25th Dec.

FRIDAY, 22nd December.

Swatow, Amoy & Fochow—Per HAIHONG, 22nd Dec., 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, 23rd December.

Shanghai & N. China—Per ANHUI, 23rd Dec., 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, 24th December.

Swatow—Per HAITAN, 24th Dec., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 25th December.

Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand & New Guinea via Thursday Is.—Per EASTERN, 25th Dec., 9 a.m.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Kwang, Br. Is., 12th, Barkan, 15th Dec. —Hei-w., 16th Dec., Gen.—B. & B.

Suwa, M., Jap., ss. 10,927, 15th Dec.—Nagoya, N. Y. K.

Tamig, Br. ss. 1,356, Porefaster, 15th Dec.—Manila, 12th Dec., Gen.—B. & B.

Hakushin, Jap., ss. 8,71, Karaki, 16th Dec.—Saigon, 11th Dec., Rice—Order.

Kiukiang, Br. ss. 1,228, Peacock, 16th Dec.—Shanghai, 11th Dec., Rice—Order.

B. & S.

DEPARTED.

Dec. 14.

Yamagata M. for Kobe
Portugal for Hollow via Nauchow
Hue for Haiphong via Hollow

Dec. 15.

Hokkaido M. for Batavia
Hainan for Singapore

To'omi M. for Gen. via Shanghai

Anta for Bangkok

Takao for Haiphong

Shinko M. for Dairen

Nantin for London via Singapore

Haiphong for Saigon

Niain M. for Keelung

Dec. 16.

Taiszema for K. C. Wan

Protessians for Manila

Dec. 17.

Tei M. for Canton

Trigoni & Canton

Sawa M. to Yokohama via Shanghai

Kumakata M. for Bangkok

Beraven for Hanoi & Cob

Loongrang for Manila

Vin chow for Sngabai via Swatow

S. U. Tsun M. for Kobe via Keelung

Kueichang for Calcutta

Taiwan Maru for Singapore via Amoy

Anping for Caicos

Kanew for Singapore via Swatow

General Wergeland for Penang via Singa

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PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per ss. TAMING, from Manila, on Dec. 15.

Allen Mr. & Mrs. McKinney J. B.

Blackburn Mr. & Mrs. Reynolds L. P.

James H. G.

TUESDAY, 26th December.

Shanghai & N. China—Per LUCHOW, 16th Dec., 9 a.m.

Philippines Is.—Per TEAN, 26th Dec., 9 a.m.

THURSDAY, 28th December.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central & South America via San Francisco & United Kingdom via Canada—Per KAMO MARU, 28th Dec., Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai & N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Victoria, Vancouver, United States, Central & South America & United Kingdom via Canada, (Europe via Siberia) via KIUKIANG, 28th Dec., Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai Ch. P. O. Saturday, 28th Dec.

Philippines Is.—Per TAMING, 19th Dec., 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, 29th December.

Swatow, Amoy & Fochow—Per HAL-TAN, 19th Dec., 11 a.m.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Just arrived. Fresh assorted American Sweets & Fry's Chocolates.

METEOROLOGICAL.

Previous Day On date On date.

Barometer 20.08 30.20 30.14

Temperature 72 55 65

Humidity 34 47 44

Wind Direction NNE N N

Force 3 2 1

Weather b b b

Rain 0.00 0.00 0.00

H.K. Observatory, December 15, 1916.

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SECOND NIGHT, DECEMBER 16th
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COMMENCING at 9 P.M. SHARP.
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NEW MUSIC, SPECIALLY
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KEEP THE DATE OPEN.
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The Magnificent Gold Rooster Play, Featuring RUTH